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Hon. Edward Hubbard<sup>a</sup> Litchfield,  
of Brooklyn, N. Y.

[Photo, 1894.]

His figures of speech were well suited to his theme. In the spring, Rev. Joseph<sup>s</sup> would pray: "Let the genial rays of the sun chase away from our hearts the remaining rigors of the winter."

It is said that he sent his own horse and chaise to meet the new Methodist minister, to whom he turned over the pastoral charge of his church. It is no wonder that his death was so universally lamented and his funeral so largely attended.

The first chapter, "River Driftwood," of Sara Orne Jewett's pleasing little book of sketches, entitled *Country By-Ways* (published in 1881), contains interesting accounts of some of the people who lived years ago in the valley of the Piscataqua river, in and about Kittery. She says:—

There was formerly a bright array of clerical talent in the river towns, and it was amusing to listen to the anecdotes which the old people of the last generation delighted to tell of the ministers. Not to speak of the well-known Portsmouth divines, and of Dr. Stevens of Kittery Point, there was the Reverend Mr. Litchfield of Kittery, who was called the fisher parson, and his neighbor, Parson Chandler, who might have been called the farmer parson, for he was a celebrated tiller of the soil, and his example was a great blessing to the members of the Eliot parish. The fields there slope to the south and west, and the grass grows green sooner than anywhere else in the region, and the fruits of the earth grow and ripen quickly. He taught his neighbors to improve upon the old fashions of agriculture. An old friend of mine told me that once he was driving from Portsmouth to Berwick, in his early manhood, with Daniel Webster for company, and when they passed this clergyman's house Mr. Webster said that he should be perfectly satisfied if he could be as great a man as Parson Chandler; and judging from the stories of his wisdom and eloquence, the young lawyer's was no mean ambition.

Mr. Litchfield spent much of his time on week-days in the apostolic business of catching fish; and he was a man of rare wit and drollery, with a sailor-like serenity and confidence in everything's coming out right at last, and a true mariner's readiness and intentness when there was work to be done. Once, at a conference in Portsmouth, the preacher failed to come, and someone had to furnish a sermon in his place. It fell to Mr. Litchfield's share; and old Dr. [Joseph] Buckminster said, when the discourse was ended,—it being

extemporaneous and very eloquent, — “My friends, the fisher parson beats us all.”

It is interesting to find that many of the clergymen of that day seem to have been uncommonly practical men. One fancies that they all preached the better because much of their time was spent in a way that brought them in close contact with people's every-day lives. It was no ideal human nature, studied from sermons and theological works, and classified and doomed at the recommendation of the old divines. One can believe that it was not abstract generalities of a state of sinfulness so much as particular weakness and shortcomings that they condemned from their pulpits. Parson Litchfield could preach gallantly at some offender who stole from and lied about his lobster-pots when he took his text from Ananias and Sapphira, and Parson Chandler could be most impressive and ready with illustration when he chose the parable of the sower for the subject of his discourse. . . .

*William Fogg's Diary*, to which previous reference has been made, says, under date of Sunday, July 23, 1815: “Mr. Litchfield, of Kittery, preached,” and on Thursday, Aug. 3, 1815, “Lecture by Mr. Litchfield.” These opportunities to speak outside of his own pulpit brought him to the notice of people in neighboring towns, where he was, undoubtedly, popular.

The original records\* of the Third Church of Kittery, incorporated at Spruce Creek in 1750, Rev. Josiah Chase, first minister, were in the possession of Luther Dame, Esq., of Newburyport, Mass., in 1895. Purported copies of these records are in the possession of the Maine Historical Society and the Maine Genealogical Society. From an examination of the latter copy, the compiler finds that there was no record of church admission after April, 1780, and no recognition of baptismal covenant after that year; no baptisms from 1782 to 1790, when four were recorded, and none thereafter. The five baptisms in 1782 were as follows: July 7, 1782, “Betsey,” dau. Robert and Elizabeth Haley, and Mary, dau. Matthew and Sarah Grover; Oct. 20, 1782, Thomas, son of William Dennet; Oct. 27, 1782, Mark, son of Mark Fernald, and Benjamin, son of Thomas Muggerage. In 1790, the baptisms were: Sept. 3, Nicholas Weeks, son of

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\* *Old Eliot*, vol. iii: p. 11, 1899.

David Staples ; Sept. 24, Thomas, son of Thomas Jenkins ; John, son of Samuel Wilson, and a daughter of Simon Lewis. The marriages upon these records begin Sept. 19, 1756, and end on Jan. 25, 1795. Of this list, Rev. Joseph<sup>s</sup> Litchfield married 137 couples. "All indicate," said the late Joseph P. Thompson, librarian of the Maine Genealogical Society, "a decrease in church interest and observance, with perhaps a lack of care in making his records on the part of the aged and discouraged pastor, who saw the end of his church and of his own life surely approaching." In this comment the compiler does not fully agree. The absence of records may have been the fault of the clerk of the church or due to the carelessness of some custodian.

The town clerk's records of Kittery have been examined by the compiler, and from the list there found, it is learned that nearly 450 couples were married by Rev. Joseph,<sup>s</sup> and *three* by his son, Joseph,<sup>6</sup> Jr., who was a Justice of the Peace. A memorandum of the town clerk reads: "The last marriage ceremony by Rev. Joseph Litchfield was Nov. — 1827. Ebenezer Plaisited and Mary Brooks. Mr. L. died Jan. 28, 1828." The first mention of his name among the town meeting records is under date of April 9, 1821, when it was *voted*, "That the Rev<sup>d</sup> Joseph Litchfield, Joseph Litchfield Jr & Mark Dennett Esq<sup>rs</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> John Dennett & John Rogers be a Superintending School Committee in said town for the purposes mentioned in an act passed in the Legislature of Maine March 15<sup>th</sup> 1821, providing for the Education of Youth." Of these, Capt. John Dennett and John Rogers were excused, and Rev. Stephen Morrill and Joseph Dame substituted. There were seven school districts. It is a pleasure to note that the subject of this sketch served upon the school board until his death, as he was elected annually. Others who served with him, in various years, were: Capt. John Wentworth and Dr. Caleb Eastman, and in the last year, 1827-8, Rev. Stephen Morrill, Mark Dennett, Esq., and he himself formed the committee. There is no further record of his holding office, but William<sup>6</sup> and Joseph,<sup>6</sup> Jr., his sons, appear quite often on the town books. It is announced in March, 1905,

that the school-house at Spruce Creek is to be named the "Litchfield School," in honor of this man who did so much in the establishment of the public school system in Kittery.

The following account\* of a most spirited commemoration of the Declaration of Independence at Eliot, Maine, has been found in old manuscripts by Francis Keefe, and is designated as "the 49th anniversary, — July 4, 1825."

The 49th anniversary of American Independence was celebrated at ELIOT, by the citizens of that town, and a respectable number from the towns of Kittery, York, South Berwick, Berwick and Portsmouth. The day was ushered in by the discharge of cannon, and the hoisting of Our Country's Flag on Chandler's Hill. The Procession formed at Mr. Benjamin Kennard's, at eleven o'clock, under escort of a Company of Volunteers, commanded by Capt. Jona: Leighton; and Capt. Adams' Company of Artillery from Portsmouth, N. H., who politely volunteered their services for the occasion; and moved to the Rev'd Mr. Chandler's Meeting house, which was fancifully decorated.

Another page of manuscript has preserved the ORDER OF THE PROCESSION: I. Escort with Music. II. Marshal. III. Music. IV. Orator (Dr. Emery), and Rev. Mr. Chandler. V. *Mr. Litchfield* and Esq. Hammond. VI. President of the day and Vice President. VII. Magistrates. VIII. Militia Officers in Rank and out of Commission. IX. Strangers of Distinction. X. Citizens.

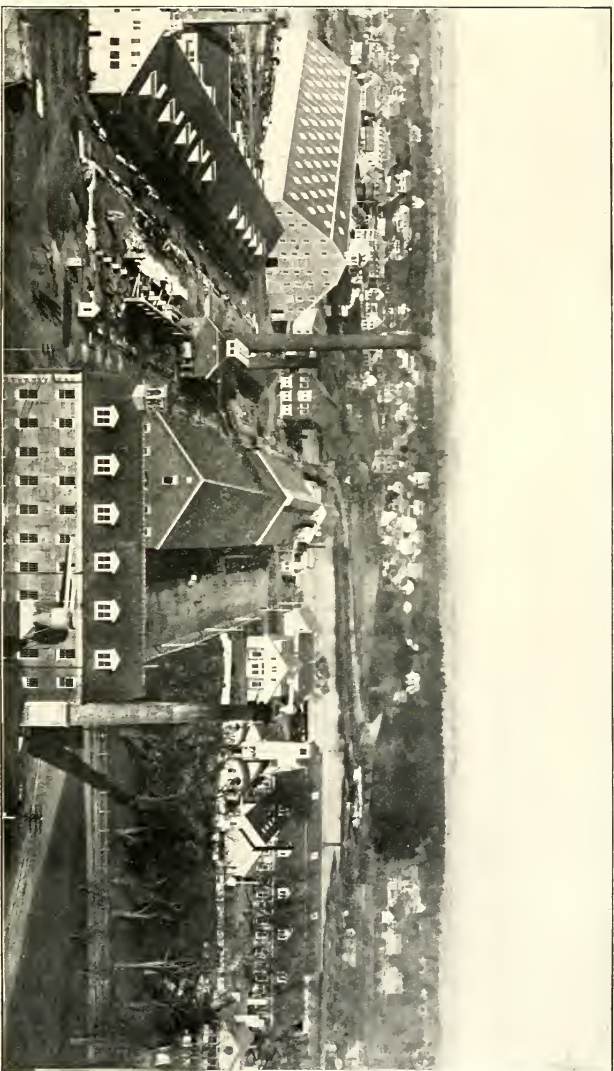
The arrangements and proceedings at the Meeting-house are noted: "At the Meeting house the two [—?] for escort. Floor pews for procession. Wall pews for ladies. Galleries for Males not belonging to the Procession.

"The services were commenced by good music. The Throne of Grace was addressed in an able and appropriate manner, by the Rev'd Mr. Chandler. The Declaration of Independence was read by Jona: Hammond, Jr., Esq. A truly National and Patriotic Oration was pronounced by Caleb Emery, M. D."

There was evidently an Ode read or sung; for in 1826 — one year later — *Kittery* had a special celebration; and on a loose manuscript in our possession, we find the statement concerning Messrs. Dennett and Decatur, evidently the Committee of Arrangements: "They sent to Eliot to get an Ode which was used by them at the Celebration in 1825; but a part of the copy was lost. Some benevolent friend furnished us with one published in Kennebunk, the 28th of June."

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\* From *Old Eliot*, vol. i: p. 35, 1897.



Kittery (Me.) Navy Yard, 1902.





After these exercises at the Meeting-house, the procession was escorted to a tent, on high ground [Chandler's Hill], where the company had a full view of the waters of the Piscataqua. At the tent about 170 sat down to a good dinner prepared by Mr. Kennard. John Hammond, Esq., officiated as President, assisted by Joseph Frost, Esq., as Vice-President. After the removal of the cloth, a number of toasts with sentiments were drunk, accompanied by the discharges of cannon, as follows:

1. The Day we Celebrate. 2. The United States. 3. The President of the United States [John Quincy Adams]. 4. WASHINGTON. 5. James Monroe [late Pres't U. S.]. 6. The Militia. 7. Agriculture, Commerce and Manufactures. 8. Bolivar.\* 9. The Governor of the State of Maine [Albion K. Parris]. 10. The State of Maine. 11. The Patriots of Mexico and South America.\* 12. The Spirit of the American Revolution. 13. The Fair Daughters of Columbia. In connection with the foregoing thirteen toasts, there were several sentiments on slips of paper such as: The Hon. Daniel Webster, General Lafayette, two for Henry Clay, *Our Public Schools* and Literary Institutions, Greece, Old Spain, and Religion, Liberty and Law.

There appears to be no mention in the account of this celebration of the part which Rev. Joseph<sup>5</sup> Litchfield took, but from the knowledge which we have gained of him in other records, it may be presumed he had something to say about the schools and churches on this memorable occasion, although his advanced years may have prevented. The account of the Kittery celebration, in 1826, has not come to hand.

Rev. Joseph<sup>5</sup> Litchfield had one quarter interest in his father's estate, and on April 20, 1796, he sold this interest to John Doane of Scituate, his brother-in-law, for \$1,000. Hannah, wife of Joseph,<sup>5</sup> released her dower-rights. [Plym. Co. Deeds, vol. lxxxiii: p. 191.]

On Aug. 9, 1823, Joseph Litchfield of Kittery, Me., "clerk," for \$289, conveyed to Lucy Doane of Scituate, 4 $\frac{1}{4}$  A. land near land of Jared Battles and grantee. Witnesses: William Peakes, Jacob Vinal. Rec. Nov. 18, 1823. [Plym. Co. Deeds, vol. cli:

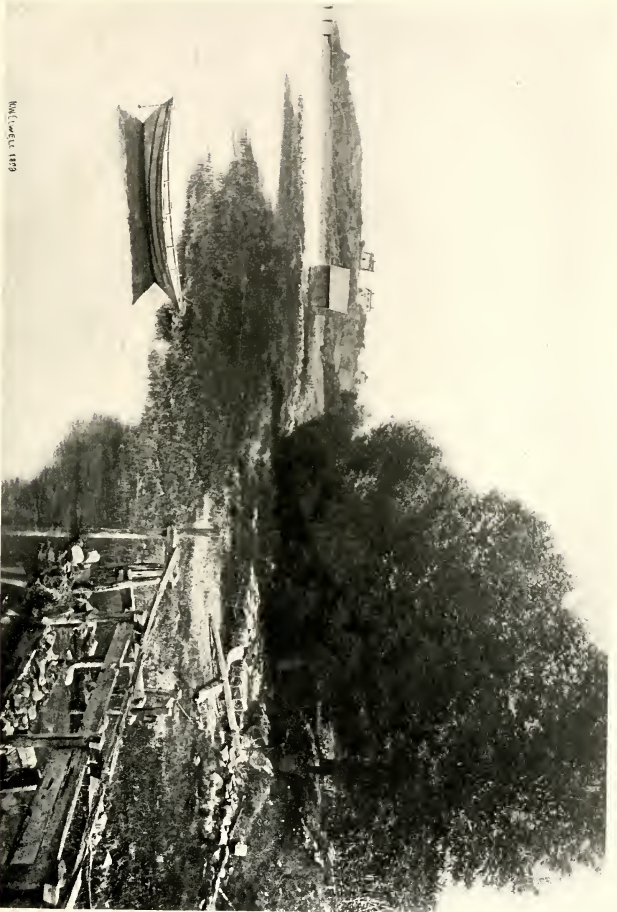
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\* Simon Bolivar, the South American Emancipator. The rest of the toast was: "The Liberator who has entered the path marked out by Washington. May he continue therein till he has given honorable peace and rational liberty to his country." See account of *Franklin<sup>6</sup> Litchfield, of Family No. 99.*

p. 32.] See division of estate of his brother, Josiah,<sup>5</sup> Family No. 50.

At Alfred, Me., the present county seat of York County, the name of Rev. Joseph<sup>5</sup> Litchfield appears in the registry of deeds, showing that he was quite an active dealer in real estate. Twenty deeds are recorded in which land or property of some kind was conveyed *to him* by the following: Widow Sarah Fitts; Noah Cutts (and "Molley," his wife); Enoch H. Lewis (and Sarah, or Shuah, his wife); Mary "Hammons," Thomas H. Lewis, Jr., all of Kittery; Samuel Sherburne of Cornish, Me.; Mary Chase of Durham, Me.; Stephen Carlisle (and Sally, his wife) of Cornish; Joseph Wilson; Abraham Sawyer (and Eunice, his wife); Hosea and Sarah Emery; Dudley Hubbard, and Joseph Cutts. These deeds cover the period from 1788 to 1817. From these deeds we learn that Rev. Joseph had some interest in land in Cornish and York, but most of his property was located near Spruce Creek, in Kittery. He had an interest in a grist-mill on Spruce Creek which he conveyed to his son, Joseph,<sup>6</sup> Jr.

As *grantor*, Rev. Joseph's name occurs about a dozen times. Those to whom he sold, as indicated in the deeds recorded (1798-1819), were: James Whitten, John O'Brian, Andrew Rogers, James Lewis, William W. Fernald, Richard Cutts, Thomas Haley, Nathaniel Fernald, John Rogers, Benjamin Leach, and his son, Joseph<sup>6</sup> Litchfield, Jr. It was to the last that most of the property was conveyed. Joseph, Sr., is called "clerk" oftentimes in these deeds, as well as "preacher of the Gospel." One deed shows a conveyance of property of Thomas H. Lewis to Joseph,<sup>5</sup> because of a suit at law, in which decision was rendered in favor of the grantee. This was about 1815. It appears that he held several mortgages on real estate, and one or two were foreclosed by him. Mention is made at times of the "Spruce Creek meeting-house," of the "Second parish of Kittery," and of "parish land." Wood-lots and wood-land are kinds of property owned. Hannah<sup>6</sup> (Litchfield) Lewis appears as a joint grantor with her father and mother in some of the above deeds.



McCawley 1879

View on Spruce Creek, Kittery, Me.

[See page 232.]



On Aug. 4, 1817, Joseph Litchfield (and Hannah, his wife), Alexander Rice (and Sarah, his wife), Daniel Peirce (and Anna, his wife), sold to Joseph Litchfield, Jr., of Kittery, for \$900, all their interest, etc., in the 75 acre farm in Kittery on which Enoch H. Lewis "now lives," and in two wood-lots of 20 A. in York, which belonged to said Lewis. [York Co. Deeds, vol. xcvi: p. 169.]

Volume 2, First Parish records, Scituate, under date of March 19, 1781, says that it was *voted* at a meeting of the North Precinct to appoint a committee to "apply to Mr Joseph Litchfield and Mr Paul\* Litchfield to preach four days each," and the church records confirm this vote. On Oct. 14, 1782, Capt. Hayward Peirce and Calvin Peirce were chosen as "agents" by the "North Precinct" to settle with Mr. Joseph Litchfield. The church records, under date of Aug. 11, 1782, give the baptism of Cummings, son of James Jenkins, Jr., and Anna, daughter of Ezra Heydon, by "the rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Litch<sup>d</sup> of Kettarry." He probably came to Scituate at this time to remove his family to Maine.

Joseph<sup>s</sup> Litchfield married in Providence, R. I., Dec. 27, 1773, Hannah Salisbury, born in Providence, Sept. 29, 1751, daughter of John, Jr., and Rebecca (Goff) Salisbury. She died, as his widow, in Merrimack, Hillsboro' Co., N. H., Sept. 12, 1843, at the ripe old age of nearly ninety-two years.

Arnold's *Vital Record of R. I.*, vol. x: p. 213, gives the records of the "Congregational Church on the West Side of the River," in Providence, R. I., and among the marriages are those of Hannah Salisbury and her sister, *Chloe*, viz., "Joseph Lichfield and Hannah Salisbury, [daughter] of John, Dec. 27, 1773," and "Samuel Martin and Chloe Sailsbury, [daughter] of John, May 23, 1773." The officiating clergyman for both marriages was Rev. Joseph Snow. This marriage of Rev. Joseph<sup>s</sup> Litchfield is also given by Morse's *Litchfield Genealogy* and by descendants and relatives of this family.

It has been believed by descendants of John Salisbury, Jr., that the name of his wife was Rebecca *Wheaton*, and it has required a great amount of research work in Rhode Island and

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\* Rev. Paul<sup>s</sup> Litchfield, Family No. 99.

Bristol County, Mass., to arrive at the firm conclusion that she was not his wife. The absence of any record of the birth or of the marriage of a Rebecca *Whcaton* to fit the case is negative evidence against such a marriage, but the record of a *marriage of John Salisbury and Rebecca Goff*, at Warren, R. I., (until 1747, a part of Swansea, Mass.) on Nov. 8, 1747, by Benjamin Miller, J. P., fits the case exactly, and is substantiated by a letter from Miss Sarah C. Durfee,\* dated April 15, 1905.

John Salisbury, Jr., was born in Swansea, Mass., April 12, 1725, and died in Providence, R. I., before Mch. 22, 1817, "aged 92 years." Mrs. Rebecca Salisbury, wife of John, had died in Providence, before Oct. 6, 1804, "in her 80th year," which would make her birth year 1725. These death data are from the proof sheets of vol. xiv: p. 245, Arnold's *Vital Record of Rhode Island*, and are taken from issues of the *Providence Gazette*, as dated above. John Salisbury is buried in the North Burial Ground, Providence, but the date of death on his grave-stone, viz. "1824," is an error. Rebecca, wife of John (so

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\* Miss Durfee, 34 Waterman St., Providence, is a daughter of the late Sanford Durfee, Esq., of Providence, whose wife was Mary Cozzens. The last named was a daughter of Benjamin and Anne (Wheaton) Cozzens and a grand daughter of Ephraim and Anne (Goff) Wheaton. This Anne Goff (m. at Swansea, June 26, 1757) was a sister of Rebecca Goff, who married the said John Salisbury, Jr. John Osborn Austin, the eminent genealogist of Rhode Island, stated to Miss Durfee, that it was his thought that Anne Goff was a daughter of Anthony and Elizabeth Goff of Swansea, who had a daughter Elizabeth born at Swansea, Nov. 5, 1719. Wheaton family papers (in possession of Edward D. Pearce, 77 Dyer St., Providence) state that these Goffs are supposed to be descendants of the regicide judge, Major-General William Goff, who lived and died as a refugee in Hadley, Mass., but no evidence has been found to substantiate this claim. The compiler acknowledges favors of Mr. Austin, Frank A. Williamson, Miss Harriet N. Lovett, of Providence, and others, for aid rendered on these data.

Anthony Goff was in Swansea as early as 1719, and had land deeded to him there, in May, 1726, which he sold (wife, Elizabeth, released) on Feb. 20, 1728/29. The name is also spelled "Goof" and "Gooff" in early deeds and records. He is called a "ship-wright" or "ship-carpenter," or "yeoman." In 1734 and 1736, he was of Rehoboth; in 1741 and 1742, of Coventry, R. I.; in 1745-1768, of West Greenwich, R. I. These data from deeds at Taunton, Mass., and Coventry and West Greenwich, R. I. It would appear from deeds, vital records and the statements of descendants, that the children of Anthony Goff were as follows: Elizabeth, b. Swansea, Nov. 5, 1719; Nathan, m. 1746, Mary Potter, res. Coventry, R. I.; Rebecca, b. abt. 1725, m. 1747, John Salisbury, in Warren, R. I.; Jonathan, b. Rehoboth, Feb. 18, 1733/34; Chloe ("Cloe"), b. Rehoboth, Mch. 3, 1734/35; Anne, m. Swansea, 1757, Ephraim Wheaton; Bethana, m. 1752, John Johnson, Jr., in Coventry, R. I., and Mary, m. 1773, John Johnson (as his second wife), in Coventry.

stated), is buried in the same lot, but only her age (80 years), is legible on her gravestone. It is asserted on the authority of a descendant that *all* the children of John Salisbury (Jr.), by wife, Rebecca, were born *in Providence*, but none are recorded there. The following list has been obtained from descendants and from a study of various written and printed records.

Children of John, Jr., and Rebecca (Goff) SALISBURY :

- i. *Chloe*, b. abt. 1750; d. Sept., 1836, aet. 86; buried North Burial Ground, Prov., R. I.; m. Prov., May 23, 1773, Samuel Martin. Res. Prov. Had two (perhaps more) ch. (Martin), viz: (1.) Jeremiah (prob. a sea-captain), and (2.) Nancy, d. 1857, aet. 81 y., who m. Prov., Dec. 9, 1806, James Warner (d. 1821). Their *six* ch. (*Warner*) were: (a) *James Martin* (his son, Leander U., res. Prov.); (b) *Eliza Hope*, d. unm., a legatee of her great aunt, Mary Salisbury, as below; (c) *George W.*, d. Dec. 6, 1840, unm.; (d) *Rebecca Stafford*, d. 1891, m. 1841, Edwin D. Lovett; res. Prov., and had two daus. (Lovett), Martha W., d. 1886, aet. 38 yrs., and Harriet Newell, res. 1905, 63 Vernon St., Prov., a school teacher; (e) *Samuel M.*, d. small-pox; (f) *Martha Ann Wheaton*, m. James Murray.
- ii. *Hannah*, b. Sept. 29, 1751; m. Rev. Joseph<sup>h</sup> Litchfield, as above.
- iii. *Archibald*, b. abt. 1752; shoemaker (see 1824-1841 directories) d. unm., Prov., Sept. 19, 1842, aet. 90; by will (Providence Municipal Court files), dated Aug. 17, 1836, he gave all his property to his sister, Mary. The house in which he and his sister, Mary, lived, is still (1905) standing on North Main street, Prov., near entrance to North Burial Ground, and was sold by Mary after his death.
- iv. *Nancy*, b. perhaps abt. 1754; d. as a young lady.
- v. *Anne*, b. in 1756; d. Dec. 4, 1773, aet. 17 y., 8 m., 19 d. (gravestone, North Burial Ground, Prov.).
- vi. *Martha*, b. perhaps abt. 1758; d. 16 yrs. old (date on gravestone at North Burial Ground is illegible or absent).
- vii. *Rebecca*, b. abt. 1760; d. unm., June 16, 1836, in 77th year (buried in North Burial Ground).
- viii. *Mary* (called "Polly"), b. abt. 1764; d. unm., in Prov., at home of Edwin D. Lovett, Aug. 1, 1862, aet. 98 y. Tailoress. The will, codicil, and administration of her estate are on file at Providence Municipal Court. She gave \$100 to Eliza [H.] Warner, and \$200 to James Wheaton, her *second cousin* (a *grandson* of Ephraim Wheaton and Anne Goff, named above), whom she made executor. He declined, and Sanford Durfee (named above) was apptd. admr. with will annexed. By the terms of her will the balance of her estate, amounting to \$1312, was paid to the Charitable [or



First] Baptist Society, Providence, as a fund to be used for the poor of that church. Her daguerreotype is possessed by Miss Harriet N. Lovett (named above). She was a very energetic woman, almost to the end of her long life, fond of music and dancing, generous and social. Prob. interred in North Burial Ground, Prov.

- ix. *Waite*, b. at Providence, Sept. 19, 1768; d. Kittery, Me., Sept. 2, 1855; m. Kittery, Nov. 4, 1789, William Wentworth (*John*,<sup>5</sup> *James*,<sup>4</sup> *Dea. John*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Renald*<sup>1</sup>) Fernald, b. Oct. 13, 1760, d. Sept. 8, 1851. Res. Kittery. They had at least seven children, of whom Julia Fernald (b. Feb. 9, 1808, d. at Hyde Park, Mass., Mch. 10, 1901), m. Apr. 27, 1831, Rev. Paschall P. Morrell, b. Feb. 29, 1804, d. in Sept., 1864. See pages (text and footnotes) 237-239 of this Genealogy. Their two sons were *Melville P. Morrell* and *George C. Morrell*, both residents of Boston.

John Salisbury, Jr., (b. 1725) was the son of John and Abigail Salisbury of Swansea, Mass., and Bristol, R. I., and probably grandson of William and Hannah or Annah (Cole) Salisbury, also of Swansea (see printed records). Children of John, Sr., and Abigail (—) Salisbury, rec. at Swansea: *Archibald* ("Archabel"), b. Sept. 14, 1711—[1719, prob.]; *Benjamin*, b. June 29, 1721; *Barnard* (*Bernard*), b. Feb. 18, 1723; *John, Jr.* (as above); *Jonathan*, b. Oct. 3, 1727; *Hezekiah*, b. Sept. 3, 1729; *Abigail*, b. Oct. 26, 1732. The vital records of Rhode Island give considerable data of these children. Salisbury is variously spelled.

John Salisbury, Jr., bought land and dwelling-house for \$1300 (inflated currency, "old tenor"), May 17, 1759, in southerly part of Providence, of Nicholas Cooke (wife, Hannah); this he mortgaged, May 10, 1765, to Nicholas Cooke; Dec. 8, 1772, John "Sallisbury" (wife "Rebeckah" released), *cordwainer*, sold the remainder of his interest in above property to Joseph Brown, merchant. (Providence deeds, vol. xvii: p. 4; vol. xviii: p. 150; and vol. xix: p. 252). The census of Providence, taken in 1774, names him and his family with a total of eleven persons. John and son, Archibald, shoemakers, were taxed in Providence, Oct. 1, 1785. There is no known record\* of his service either in the Revolution or in the militia.

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\* The compiler has gathered by courtesy of George C. Morrell, a large amount of material concerning the Salisbury, Wheaton and Goff families which could not be incorporated in this text and these notes.





Mary Salisbury.  
Died August 1, 1862, Aet. 98.

(From daguerreotype.)



The following entries are found in the Scituate First Church records :

Joseph Litchfield & Hannah his Wife own'd Cov<sup>t</sup> and She was baptiz<sup>d</sup> and then they offerd, Anna their Daugh : 9. April. 1775

William Son of Joseph Litchfield A.M. Baptiz<sup>d</sup> by M<sup>r</sup> Barns of Scituate August 12th 1781

Joseph Litchfield, A.B. admitted to full Com : 28. May 1775

Hannah, Wife of Joseph Litchfield admitted 1. Sept. 1776

Children\* of Rev. Joseph<sup>s</sup> and Hannah (Salisbury) Litchfield :

182. i. NANCY<sup>6</sup> (also called Anna, Anne, Anny), b. in Providence, R. I., Apr. 10, 1774 ; m. 1792, Joshua T. Chase of Kittery, Me.
183. ii. WILLIAM (" Bill "), b. Dec. 24, 1779, prob. in Providence or Scituate ; m. 1799, Susan or Susanna Fernald. Res. Maine.
184. iii. HANNAH, b. in Kittery, Aug. 24, 1783 ; m. 1802, Thomas Hutchins Lewis, Jr., of Kittery.
185. iv. JOSEPH, Jr., b. Apr. 13, 1788, prob. in Kittery ; m. 1819, Elizabeth or Betsey Dame. Res. Maine.

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JOSIAH<sup>5</sup> LITCHFIELD (*Josiah*,<sup>4</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Lawrence*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Scituate, Dec. 22, 1753. Baptized Sept. 22, 1754. Resided in Scituate, Dorchester, and probably in Hull.† His autograph appears in connection with the Agree-



\* Kittery town records contain only the births of the first three children, and call the first "Anny," which was evidently a pet name. There is a short account of the family of Rev. Joseph Litchfield in *Old Eliot*, vol. v : p. 122, 1902. Dr. Willis, the editor, calls the first child "Anne," and says that Joseph, Jr., was born in "1787." In the record of church marriages, Joshua T. Chase married, July 28, 1792, *Nancy* Litchfield.

† A Josiah Litchfield of Hull, on Feb. 4, 1813, bought for \$234, of Lawrence Litchfield, gentleman, Levi Vinal, yeoman, and Liba Litchfield, carpenter, all of Scituate, 4 A. salt meadow near widow Lucy Doane's dwelling house in Scituate. Rachel, wife of Lawrence L., released. Witnesses : Levi Vinal, Jr., Charles Turner, Jr., Jairus Litchfield and Lewis Litchfield. Rec. Apr. 13, 1818. (Plym. Co. Deeds, vol. cxxxiii : p. 148.) See inventory.

ment, in 1795, on page 172 of this Genealogy. He was a brother of Rev. Joseph<sup>5</sup> Litchfield, and unmarried.\*

On April 6, 1793, as "yeoman," Josiah<sup>5</sup> conveyed, for £31 : 10s., to Seth Merritt, yeoman, of Scituate, 5¼ A. land on the westerly side of highway leading by the dwelling house of grantee. The witnesses were: Israel Vinal and Ichabod Briggs. Ack. April 27th. Rec. April 9, 1794. (Plym. Co. Deeds, vol. lxxvi: p. 100.) On March 1, 1796, as a "labourer" in Dorchester, and "late of Scituate," he deeded, for \$1000.00, to his brother-in-law, John Doane (Family No. 52), "mariner," of Scituate, all the grantor's interest in the estate of his father (see page 134), which consisted of about 167 A. land and one-fourth interest in the buildings thereon. (Plym. Co. Deeds, vol. lxxxiii: p. 191.) In June, 1815, he was living in Dorchester, as a "yeoman," and bought land in Scituate of the Doanes and Haleys. (Plym. Co. Deeds, vol. cxxxiii: p. 149.) See deeds, also, on pages 135, 136, *supra*. In 1818 Josiah<sup>5</sup> became so demented† as to require a guardian:—

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Joshua Thomas Esq<sup>r</sup> Judge of the Probate of Wills &c for the County of Plymouth: The Subscribers Relations and Neighbours of Josiah Litchfield, of Scituate, in said County, regretfully represent, that the said Josiah has for several Years been, so far disordered in mind, as to be considered lunatic or *non compos mentis*, and thereby rendered incapable of taking care of himself or his Property, they therefore Pray your Honour to direct that inquisition be made, by the Selectmen of the Town of Scituate, into his case, and if proper to appoint some suitable person, or persons to be Guardians, to take care of him & his Property. And as in duty bound, will pray.

Scituate Dec<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1818—

JARED BATTELS	LEVI VINAL
PAUL VINAL	WILLIAM PEAKES
CHARLES CURTIS, J <sup>R</sup>	ROLAND LITCHFIELD
LEVI VINAL J <sup>R</sup>	JOHN B. TURNER
JOB VINAL	ABIEL CUDWORTH
CHARLES CURTIS	

\* Morse's *Litchfield Genealogy* gives only the birth date of Josiah,<sup>5</sup> but adds the following:—"A Josiah by w. Abigail had *James*, July 15, 1795." This statement belongs to Josiah<sup>6</sup> Litchfield (son of Capt. Daniel<sup>5</sup> Litchfield), Family No. 204.

† Plym. Prob. Rec., Book 1: p. 12.

Town of Scituate Dec<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1818

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Scituate have made inquisition\* into the situation & circumstances of Josiah Litchfield, within-named, and find him incapable of taking Care of himself. He has some real Estate on an Island in Boston Harbour & some in Scituate, also some money at Interest, on private Security, in Dorchester, he resides with a Widow Sister in Scituate, and takes no care of his property, but draws orders on his debtors in Dorchester whenever she or her family wish for it—he appears to be hypocondriac, avoids company, talks rationally on indifferent subjects, but spends his money on his Sisters family lavishly and will probably soon come to want & the Support of the Town of Scituate—We have notified him to appear at the Probate Office in Plymouth on the third Monday of Dec<sup>r</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> to show cause why a Guardian should not be appointed

CHA<sup>s</sup> TURNER for himself & by  
order of Liba Litchfield Selectmen

Josiah<sup>s</sup> failed to appear as cited, and Joshua Thomas, Judge of Probate, appointed Charles Turner, Esq., and Liba Litchfield (of Family No. 121), gentleman, as his guardians, on Dec. 21, 1818. The sureties on their bond of \$1000.00 were Jno. Collamore and Nath<sup>l</sup> Clapp, and the witnesses on the bond were Jno. Thaxter and Lemuel Turner. The guardians' doings follow:—

AN INVENTORY† of the Estate of Josiah Litchfield, of Scituate in said County, a person Incapable of taking care of himself or his property —

Real Estate, Viz:—Six Acres of Pasture land, House thereon \$360.—Six Acres of Field land 600.—; Four Acres of Salt Meadow 240.; Green Island,‡ in Boston Harbour & buildings 100.; [total] \$1300.

\* Plym. Prob. Rec., Book 1: p. 12.

† Plymouth Registry of Probate, Book 1: p. 119.

‡ King's *Handbook of Boston Harbor*, 1888, and Stark's *Illustrated History of Boston Harbor*, 1879, say: Green or Greene Island is north of the Brewster group and Calf and Little Calf Islands in Boston harbor, and is in or near Hypocrite Channel, once considered one of the principal entrances to the harbor but now little used. Green Island has a small area of grassy earth in a great bowl of rock and a long and gravelly South Point. On this island there resided many years a strange being, singular in his habits, and possessing a very independent spirit,—Samuel Choate. He had been a mariner in his younger days. In 1845 he built himself a rude hut on Green Island, and got his living by fishing. In 1851, during the storm which carried Minot's Ledge light-house away, this island was submerged by the tide, but he was taken off by a pilot-boat. He continued to live on the island until 1865, when, owing to his enfeebled condition, he was sent to the Bridgewater almshouse, where he died.

Personal Estate: — Bed & bedstead \$15.; Chairs, Table & Hollow ware 17.76; Three Boats 13.; Carpenter's Tools 3.34; Farming Tools 5.25; Iron Drill \$2.—; [total] \$56.35.

Scituate February 23<sup>d</sup> 1819.

Amos Merritt, William Peakes, Abiel Cudworth. [Appraisers.].

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Joshua Thomas Esq<sup>r</sup> Judge of the Probate of Wills &c for the County of Plymouth, — Charles Turner, for himself, and as administrator on the Estate of Liba Litchfield,\* deceased, who when living was with the said Charles joint Guardian to Josiah Litchfield of Scituate, *non compos mentis* — presents the following account of Guardianship for examination, and allowance —

Said Guardians charge themselves: — With Inventory of Personal Estate, \$56.35; With what part of said estate sold for more than appraised, 3.86; Rc<sup>d</sup> of Eliezar Peakes, 36.64; Rc<sup>d</sup> of Capen on a Note, 23.95; Rc<sup>d</sup> of Preston for spy-glass, 5.00; Rc<sup>d</sup> of Samuel Capen, 68.77; Rc<sup>d</sup> of Benjamin Battles, 6.00; Rc<sup>d</sup> of Eliezar Peakes, 48.77; Rc<sup>d</sup> of J. Cudworth, Jr., 3.00; Rc<sup>d</sup> for a bread sieve, .17; Rc<sup>d</sup>. of Edward Battles, 27.00; Rec'd of M<sup>r</sup>. Preston, 2.00; Rc<sup>d</sup> of Benja. Battles, 2.50; [total] \$284.01 —

Said Guardians pray allowance as follows: — For personal Estate not sold \$30.02; paid Lucy Doane for boarding said Litchfield &c as reported by Referees, 186.21; paid said Doane as p<sup>r</sup> Rec<sup>t</sup>, 29.67; paid William Peakes, 7.50; paid Amos Merritt, 2.00; paid John Colamore, .50; paid Samuel Capen, 23.77; paid Edward Preston, 5.00; paid Abiel Cudworth, 3.00; letters of Guardianship, 5.20; paid Jacob Vinal, 7.67; paid Probate fees, 1.40; paid Charles Totman, 6.71; special services settling accts. at Dorchester, 14.87; services as Guardians, to May, 1819, 20.00; probate fees, 1.25; [total] \$344.77.

[Signed] CHA<sup>s</sup> TURNER

Plymouth ss. December 5<sup>th</sup> 1819, this account† being duly examined & sworn to is hereby allowed.

J. THOMAS, J. Prob.

Josiah<sup>s</sup> Litchfield died, intestate, at Scituate, January 31, 1823, and was probably buried in Groveland Cemetery, North Scituate, where the Doanes lie. The estate was administered upon by Charles Turner, Esq., who had been his guardian. The inventory, accounts of guardianship, administratorship, and partition are as follows: —

\* Liba<sup>b</sup> Litchfield, son of Lawrence,<sup>s</sup> died in Scituate, May 6, 1819. See Family No. 121.

† Plymouth Registry of Probate, Book 1: p. 472.

INVENTORY\* of the Estate of Josiah Litchfield, late of Scituate yeoman, deceased, taken by Order of the Judge of Probate for the County of Plymouth, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1823.

Real Estate:—Five acres of Pasture land, \$215.00; Six acres & thirty two rods of Field land 434.00; Four acres Salt meadow 220.00; [total], \$869.00.

Personal Estate:—One Great Coat—Kersey \$2.50; Two red Shirts .50; One pair blue Trowsers .50; Two pair Gingham *Do.*, .50; One Thin Jacket .25; Munkey P. Jacket .75; Three Old Chests 3.00; Sack Bedstead .50; Pocket Book .25; [total] \$8.75

Eleazar Peakes, William Peakes, Calvin Peirce. [Appraisers].

#### FINAL ACCOUNT OF GUARDIAN.

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Wilkes Wood Esq<sup>r</sup>. Judge of the Probate of Wills &c for the County of Plymouth, the Subscriber as surviving Guardian to Josiah Litchfield, late of Scituate, in said County, Presents the following Account of Guardianship, for examination & allowance—

Said Guardian charges himself with amount of what *Green Island* sold for, by Virtue of a Resolve of the General Court,† \$75.00; Also with amount of what a small house & Land sold for In Scituate, by Virtue of said Resolve,† 170.00; Also with Rent of his Wards Real Estate for 1819, 72.00; Also with Rent of his Wards Real Estate in Scituate for 1820, '21, '22, 156.12; also with Cash Rec<sup>d</sup> of Samuel Capen [probably of Dorchester], 64.00; Also with Cash Rec<sup>d</sup> of said Capen, 100.00; balance due Guardian, 31.99; [total] \$669.11.

Said Guardian prays allowance as follows, viz:—A balance due me on Settlement of Guardian Acc't at death of Mr Litchfield, 5.00; Paid Probate fees for Bond and Previous Oath, 1.20; Paid Probate fees at settlement of Guardian Acct, 1.25; 1819, Jan<sup>y</sup> Paid Lucy Doane in part for boarding my Ward, 31.00; Paid same in part for

\* Recorded, Plymouth County Probate Records, vol. lviii: p. 185.

† Feb. 21, 1820, Charles Turner, guardian to Josiah Litchfield of Scituate, *non compos mentis*, by a Resolve of the General Court passed this twenty-first day of February, 1820, was empowered to sell and convey by deed the right title & interest his ward had in and to a small island near the entrance of Boston harbour, called "Greenspot" or Green Island in the town of Hull, and the two small buildings or houses thereon. He gave notice of auction sale in the *Columbian Centinel*, published in Boston. On March 19, 1822, John Tilley, *pilot*, of Boston, bought at auction this island, containing  $\frac{3}{4}$  A. land, for \$75.00, and deed was given him by Charles Turner. (Rec. Aug. 7, 1822, Suffolk Co. Deeds, vol. cclxxviii: p. 120.) By this same Resolve, Charles Turner was authorized to sell "about a quarter of an Acre of land lying in Scituate near the Widow Lucy Doanes and Jared Battles' Homsteads, on which a small dwelling House has been erected, which house is partly finished, no Cellar, or well, & very little done o the inner side of it."

boarding same, 23.00; Paid same in part for boarding same, 50.00; 1821, Paid same in part for boarding same, 10.00; 1822 — Paid same in part for boarding same, 170.00; Paid same in full for boarding same, 197.13; Paid Jairus Litchfield in full of balance due Liba Litchfield, 45.00; Paid Abiel Cudworth, .60; Paid Charles Totman, Collector, .53; Paid Elisha Foster, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Collector, 6.43; Paid Charles Totman, Collector, 1.80; Paid Elisha Foster, Collector, 6.59; Paid Simeon Litchfield, Collector, 7.74; Paid Simeon Litchfield, Collector, 10.67; Paid Levi Vinal's Bill, 11.83; Paid Stephen Litchfield for 12 Rails, .75; Paid same for 2 posts & 10 Rails, .84; Paid Jared Battles for fencing my Ward's Lands, 41.50; my Services as Guardian four years, 45.00; Probate fees at settling this account,\* 1.25; [total] \$669.11.

[Signed]

CHA<sup>s</sup> TURNER.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S ACCOUNT, MAY 17, 1824.

Said administrator charges himself with amount of ap- praisment of personal estate . . . . .	\$8 75
Also cash received of Samuel Capen . . . . .	560 44
	<hr/> \$569 19

Said administrator prays allowance as follows —

Paid Probate fees for administration & Warrant of division	\$4 07
Paid Lucy Doane for necessary clothing & funeral ex- penses . . . . .	8 58
Paid Dr. Elisha James for attendance at last sickness . . . . .	5 46
Paid Thomas Gannett for assistance at funeral . . . . .	1 50
Paid Lewis Studley for coffin, grave &c . . . . .	6 00
Paid William Peakes for sundry services at funeral . . . . .	3 75
Balance due me as guardian Acct . . . . .	31 99
Services of administrator . . . . .	10 00
Probate fees settling this Acct . . . . .	1 50
	<hr/> \$72 85
Balance due the heirs . . . . .	496 34
	<hr/> \$569 19

PARTITION OF REAL ESTATE OF JOSIAH.<sup>5</sup> †

We have assigned and set off to Lucy Doane, as sister of said deceased, as her full share of said deceased real estate, One acre and three quarters of Pasture land, adjoining said Lucys other land, and is bounded northwesterly by a line beginning at a heap of stones,

\* From Plymouth County Probate Records.

† Plymouth County Probate Records, vol. lviii: p. 187.





Edward Hubert<sup>n</sup> Litchfield,  
Elder son of Hon. Edward H. Litchfield.

[Photo 1900.]



northward of the bars which lead to Eleazer Peaks, and running south sixty seven degrees & an half west, to a heap of stones by the fence at the highway, going over Hooppole hill, westerly by said Highway, southerly by Paul Vinals House lot, easterly and north-easterly by the said Lucy Doanes land as the wall now stands & by Eleazer Peakes land. Also two acres of field land, lying westerly of, and adjoining to the field land improved by said Lucy as Dower in her late husbands estate, bounded southeasterly by said dower, north-easterly by Jared Battles' land, northwesterly by a line beginning at a stake and stones, by said Battles Pasture, thirteen rods and two links from said Lucy's dower line, & running south fifty three degrees west, to the most northerly corner of the said deceased salt meadow, & is bounded southwesterly by said meadow line. And also one acre, one quarter and thirteen rods of salt meadow, bounded beginning at the northeast corner of said deceased meadow, & running northwesterly in the line of the said Lucy Doanes dower, eight rods and twenty links to a stake and stones, thence south twenty-eight and an half degrees west to a stake by the fence, by land improved by the widow Briggs, & is bounded southeasterly by said Briggs' land & northeasterly by the line of said deceased meadow, which three parcels of land, with the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging we esteem her full share of said deceased estate, to hold and improve in severalty forever, to her her heirs and assigns.

We have assigned and set off to the heirs of Elisabeth Battles as their full share of said deceased real estate all the remaining part of the Pasture lands, containing three acres and one quarter, & is bounded westerly by the Highway leading over Hooppole Hill, northerly by Jared Battles land, easterly by Eleazer Peakes lands as the fence now stands & southerly by the share of said Pasture herein assigned to Lucy Doane; also two acres & an half and twenty-six rods of Salt meadow, being all the remainder of said deceased meadow; & is bounded northerly by the upland being dower, improved by said Lucy Doane, easterly by the share of said meadow set off to said Lucy Doane, southerly by the Widow Briggs land, and westerly by the west line of said deceased meadow, which two pieces of land with the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging we esteem as their full share of said deceased estate to hold and improve in severalty forever, to them & their heirs and assigns forever.

We have assigned and set off to Reverend Joseph Litchfield as his full share of said deceased real estate all the remaining part of the field land belonging to said deceased, containing four acres and thirty two rods, and is bounded northeasterly by Jared Battles, pas-

ture land, northwesterly by said Battles field land, as the fences now stand, southwesterly by the lines of the Salt meadow, and southeasterly by the part of said field land assigned to Lucy Doane: the fence which stands on the westerly side of the said Lucy Doanes dower, to be removed and set up on the line between this share and the share of said deceaseds fields assigned to said Lucy: which field land with the privileges & appurtenances thereto belonging we esteem his full share of said deceaseds estate to hold and improve in severalty forever, to him & his heirs & assigns.

ELEAZAR PEAKES	} <i>Partitioners.</i>
WILLIAM PEAKES	
CALVIN PEIRCE	

June 1, 1824.

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ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> LITCHFIELD (*Josiah*,<sup>4</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Lawrence*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Scituate, June 14, 1756, and was baptized Nov. 7th. According to the diary of Joel Willcutt,\* she died in Cohasset, Aug. 17, 1807, aged 52 years. Called "Elizabeth, Jr."

Married in Scituate, March 30 (int. Feb. 20), 1780, as his *second* wife, to Jared Battles,† born in "Little Hingham" (now Cohasset), Sept. 21, 1752; died in Scituate, Nov. 27,‡ 1834, only son of Edward, Jr., and Elizabeth (Willcutt) Battles. Administrator of his father's estate (see Suffolk Probate Records). Resided in Cohasset and Scituate, and owned what is now called Battles Hill (see division of property of Josiah<sup>5</sup> Litchfield, *supra*).

\* Joel Willcutt was the second postmaster (1806-1837) of Cohasset, and his diary, still preserved, is an interesting source of information concerning persons and events of his time. See Bigelow's Hist. Cohasset.

† Jared (variously misspelled) Battles was a nephew of Joseph Battles (foot-note, p. 133), who m. 1738, Susanna Studley, an aunt of Elizabeth<sup>5</sup> Litchfield. His ancestry is supposed to be as follows: Robert<sup>4</sup> Battles of Boston; Edward<sup>2</sup> Battles of Cohasset, whose wife was Experience Pratt (probably) of Weymouth; and Edward,<sup>3</sup> Jr., named in the text. Thus Jared was only of the *fourth* generation and his wife, Elizabeth, was of the *fifth*. Elizabeth Willcutt (also spelled, Willcut, Willcut, Willcot), b. Hingham, July 5, 1724, m. Sept. 6, 1749, was the daughter of Philip and Deborah (Gannett) Willcutt. See Hist. Hing., vol. iii: p. 310, for Willcutts, and vol. ii: p. 51, for Battles. Jared had two sisters: Deborah, b. 1750, m. 1768, Caleb Pratt, of Abington, and Elizabeth, b. 1758, m. 1777, Gershom Wheelwright. Jared ("Jerrod") is mentioned in the will of his grandfather, Edward Battles, dated 1758. (Suffolk Co. Prob.)

‡ This is the date on the town records; the First Ch. rec. say 25, and John B. Turner's letter-book states it as the 26th.

*Authorities* on Family No. 51: George L. Davenport, Cohasset; Miss Ella Bates, North Scituate; Miss Clarissa Thorndike, North Scituate; Scituate, Norwell, Cohasset and Hingham histories and records.

The "Liba<sup>7</sup> Litchfield Collection" has the following deed, which is interesting in connection with this family:—

Jan. 17, 1754. John Curtis, Scituate, yeoman, to Samuell Brown, Scituate, yeoman, for £14, "about three Acres of Woodland Be the Same More or Less lying & Being in Scituate on the Northerly Side of a Hill Called *Mount Arraratt*, Bounded as follows viz Beginning at a Beach Stump a Corner of Joseph Elmes Land & from thence Runing Near West By the Highway twelve Rods, to a Heap of Stones, then South thirty Eight Rods in the Range of *Edward Battles Land* to a Stake & Heap of Stones then Near East to s<sup>d</sup> Elmes Land & then By his Land to the first mentioned Corner." Sarah, wife of John Curtis, released, making her mark. Witnesses: Samuel Curtis and Rachel White. Rec. Apr. 29, 1760. [Plym. Co. Deeds, vol. xlv: p. 94.]

In the index of deeds of Norfolk County, at Dedham, the various spellings of the surname are given, viz.: Battel, Battell, Battelle, Battle, Battels and Battles. As *grantor*, only, Jared Battles appears on these records as selling property to Paul Bates, recorded in 1814; to Caleb Nichols *et al.*, 1814; to Gershon Wheelwright, 1817 (two deeds); to Aaron Pratt, 1823; to Lustanus Vinal, 1824; to Paul Merritt, Jr., 1827. (Vols. xlv: p. 277; liv: p. 70; liii: p. 123; lxxviii: p. 162; lxxii: p. 204; lxxxiii: p. 334.)

At Plymouth County registry there are several deeds recorded in the name of Jared Battles. As *grantee*: from Paul Bailey, 1783; from Hersey Litchfield and from Merritt & Peirce; also two division deeds with John Doane and wife. As *grantor*: division deed with John Doane, 1798; to Anson Witherell, 1827 (two deeds); to Paul Merritt *et al.*, 1827, 1829 (three deeds); to Hayward Vinal, 1828; to Edward and Barnard Battles, 1828; to Charles Turner, treasurer, 1803; division deed in 1808 with Nathaniel Vinal, Jr., and Lawrence Litchfield.

Suffolk County Deeds, vol. clxxi: p. 141: June 6, 1780, Nehemiah Bates of Chesterfield, yeoman, sells land in Cohasset to Jared Battles of Cohasset, yeoman. Witnesses: James Lichfield and Richard Kilby. Rec. Dec. 12, 1791. There are also deeds (recorded on Dec. 12, 1791) to him in this registry from Elisha

and Solon Stephenson and Mehitable Bates, all pertaining to land in Cohasset. No *grantor* deeds.

On May 5, 1794, at a Scituate town meeting (see records), Capt. Daniel<sup>s</sup> Litchfield (Family No. 57) and Calvin Peirce were appointed a committee to meet a committee of Cohasset, to "Consult with them Relative to making a better accomadation for the herrings\* to pafs up the Stream at Lincoln mill so called." This committee reported on May 12th, that it had met with the Cohasset committee and "in our Oppinion it is necessary to open the ditch that leads into the pond, in order to give the fish a free passage & that the town of Scituate Should Join with the Town of Cohasset in Petitioning the General Court for an Act, to Regulate the Pasing & taking Said Fish." This report was accepted. On Nov. 3, 1794, the following joint report was made to the town of Scituate, and was adopted: —

We the Subscribers being a Joint Committee appointed by the Towns of Scituate & Cohasset for the purpose following Viz: of viewing the Stream which takes its Rise at Hezekiah Towers — Pond So Called, and afterwards being connected with one from Stockbridges Mills em[p]ties its Selfe in to a Branch of the Sea betwixt Said Towns Called a Gulph [gulf]: & Sea What are the Obstruptions which now prevent the runing of a Fish Called Ale Wives or Her-ring up S<sup>d</sup> Stream, which formally [formerly] run So abundantly, to the grate advantage of the Inhabitants of Said Towns, but have Sence been Prevented —

Having According to our appointment Taken a thorough review of the Premises Report as follows — that its is our Oppinion that their are no Natural obstruptions but the want of convenient Passages through the mill Dams erected on said Stream, & proper regulations with respect to time & plaices of Fishing, are the Reafons why Said Fish are prevented passing, and are likewise of opinion that it is necessary that all Sluce ways be Sets open on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April and Kept clear till after the 1<sup>st</sup> of June Annually — allso that there be but one Day in Seven, viz Thursday Allowed as a Fishing Day and proper

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\* Alewives were the cause of much dispute and contention in the towns of Scituate, Cohasset, Hanover and Pembroke, where the brooks and small streams abounded with them. Town records are quite frequent concerning these fish and their catching and propagation.



Bayard Sands<sup>o</sup> Litchfield,  
Younger son of Hon. Edward H. Litchfield.

[Photo 1903.]





Penalties imposed on any Person, or Persons who Shall take the afourmentioned Fifth on any other Day, or at any Place below Lincolns Mills on any Day.—

	LUTHER STEPHENSON	} Com <sup>tee</sup> of - - Cohasset.
[Family No. 53.]	JAMES LITCHFIELD & JARED BATTELS	
[Family No. 57.]	DANIEL LITCHFIELD & CALVIN PEIRCE	} Committee of Scituate.

In connection with this report, the town expressed the desire to have an Act passed by the General Court for the encouragement of herring fishery on "Lincoln mill Stream." Cohasset town records show that their committee was chosen, March 10, 1794.

From Cohasset town records we learn that Jared Battles was constable in 1781, hogreeve in 1787 and 1792, collector in 1787 and surveyor of highways in 1791. In 1811, he was surveyor of highways in Scituate. On Nov. 4, 1816, it was *voted*, at Scituate town meeting, that "Mr Jared Battles account & Mr Rowland Bailey's account be referred to Liba Litchfield for allowance."

Jared Battles married *first*, in Hingham (now Cohasset), July 10, 1778, Sibyl, b. Apr. 19, 1760, dau. Obadiah and Sibyl (Orcutt) Beal. No issue. He was married *third*, in Scituate, Dec. 22, 1808, by Hayward Peirce, J. P., to widow Mary Witherell\* of Scituate, who died May 30, 1839 (Scit. 1st Ch. Rec.) No issue.

Jared Battles served in the Revolutionary war, for which service he received a pension (see Bigelow's Hist. Cohasset, pp. 287, 293, 296). The following petition† of Jared Battles, as appearing

\* Her maiden name was Peirce, and she was the daughter of Robert Peirce, an Englishman, evidently a *transient* in Scituate, as very little is known of him. He lived near Pincin Hill, near Greenbush, on what is now the Israel Nichols place. (Miss Ella Bates). Mary Peirce's first husband was Simeon Witherell and they had ten children, all recorded on Scit. records, of whom, Mercy, b. 1791, m. Israel Thorndike; Clarissa, b. 1796, m. Jacob Vinal of Egypt; Eunice, b. 1793, m. Hersey<sup>6</sup> Litchfield (of Family No. 85); Anson, b. 1802, was Captain in Massachusetts Militia; and Theophilus, b. 1782, m. Deborah Battles, dau. Jared. See Family No. 190.

† Briggs prefixes the following to the petition: "The absence of official records leaves the history of shipbuilding during the middle of the 18th century, a blank, as has been elsewhere stated, but the following petition found among some old MSS. will be read with interest by many."

in Briggs's *Shipbuilding on North River*, pp. 339, 340, is interesting as proving that Jared was a Revolutionary soldier and a patriotic citizen. This was written in or about the year before his death. What answer it brought has not been found.

*To the Honourable Senate & Honourable House of Representatives in General Court Assembled:* The petition of the undersigned an inhabitant of Scituate respectfully shows. That in the year 1775, he was the owner of  $\frac{1}{4}$  part of a sch[ooner] burthened 44 tons, one year old, which was all the property he then had. Said vessel was laid up in a creek of Scituate, in the month of April, 1775. The rigging & sails were taken from their places and stored in the cabin and hold. Some time in June or July of the same year a party of soldiers sent by the committee of Public Safety of the town of Cohasset went and took said sails and carried them to Roxbury to be used for tents for the Army. Your petitioner was at that time a Militia soldier in actual service. He was afterwards paid the number of dollars his sails were said to be worth in Continental money, the value of which at the time was a mere trifle. He afterwards lent the State a hundred pounds of his own hard earnings and took a note signed Henry Gardner. In about 18 years after, received a State note in lieu thereof for about two hundred and ten dollars. The above facts your petitioner is abundantly able to establish before any committee which your Honours may depute to hear the same. He is now 81 years of age, infirm & poor, has no relatives or friends of sufficient pecuniary ability to support him. He therefore prays your Honours to take a compassionate view of his case, and award him that justice which to you shall seem meet and proper, and as in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed) JARED BATTLES.

There is no record at Plymouth of the settlement of his estate or that of his widow, Mary.

John B. Turner, a very prominent citizen and attorney of Scituate, left among his effects a large number of interesting and valuable papers, which are now in possession of his granddaughter, Miss Ella Bates, of North Scituate. One of these papers is an *unrecorded* deed, dated Mch. 26, 1828, by which Jared "Battels" (Mary "Battels," his wife, released dower-rights), yeoman, for \$10.00, conveyed to Phineas Bates of Scituate, yeoman, 3 A. of "Flatts" near "Briggs' Harbour

so called ;" the abutters were John Burbank, Elisha Lincoln and Elisha Doane, and "Orcutt Flatt now belonging to the heirs of Zenas Lincoln & others." Witnesses : William Peakes, John B. Turner.

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Another paper : "Appraisal of the property belonging to the heirs of Elizabeth Battles 1829 by E Peirce, W Peakes & J L Merritt — Sheep Pasture \$27 per acre | Past[ure] Med [meadow] & wood 27 — | Log field - 15 — | Swamp Med [meadow] - 16 — | Cudworth Med [meadow] - 14 — | Stoddard lot - 5 — | Saw mill lot - 18 — | Ball hill lot - 22 | the above was thought high & before Elisabeth & Edw<sup>d</sup> Gannetts was severed it was appraised as follows Viz Sheep pasture - 25 per acre | Past[ure] Med [meadow] & wood - 25 | Log field - 12 | Swamp med [meadow] - 14 | Cudworth med [meadow] - 12 | Saw mill lot - 15 — | Ball Hill lot - 18 — | Stoddard lot 5."

These papers are presented on the printed page as nearly like the originals as type will permit. Elizabeth Battles was Elizabeth<sup>s</sup> Litchfield, of course. It appears from this and other papers that her estate was not settled for many years after her death. "Log field" is still known by that name, and belongs to the Mitchells of North Scituate. These fields and meadows were let out at auction, for pasturing, in July, 1837, and Mr. Turner left other papers relating to this matter, which was a source of revenue to the heirs of Elizabeth<sup>s</sup> (Litchfield) Battles. Elizabeth and Edward Gannett were children of Sibyl (Battles) Gannett. Besides the pieces of land mentioned in this paper, in another paper, the "Clover Field" and "Field round House" are named as belonging to the rented lands of the Battles estate. Among the lessees were Stephen Mott, Joy Gannett, James L. Merritt, Elijah Peirce and S. B. Merritt. It would appear, also, that in July, 1837, Elijah Peirce purchased the "pasture back of house," for \$10.00, and S. B. Merritt bought the "Log pasture" for \$10.00. In 1837 and 1838, these papers, of which there are four in all, name the following as interested in the estate, either as heirs, attorneys or assigns: John B. Turner, Mrs. Lydia Battles, John Cloyd and Nathaniel Pierce of Boston, Ezekiel Wallis of Cohasset, Barnard Battles, Mrs.

"Scholay" (Scolley), Josiah Battles, Deborah Hamilton, children of Edward Battles and children of "Sibyll" Gannett.

Miss Clarissa Thorndike, an aged resident of North Scituate (1905), a step-granddaughter of Jared Battles, remembers him well. She relates the following:—

When young, Jared Battles commanded a vessel along shore but did not visit foreign shores. He thrice married,—his second wife being a Litchfield, from whom he and his children inherited Battles Hill. He was a great land-holder, both in Cohasset and Scituate. His house in Cohasset stood near where Loring\* Litchfield's now stands. Wishing to be near his Scituate estate, he took his house, an old-fashioned, roomy building, and landed it where Mr. Mitchell's now stands. A lovelier spot it would be hard to find. He also owned many acres by the shore, and would probably be much surprised to see the many fine houses occupying his corn-fields. While he was able, he was a regular attendant on Parson Thomas's ministry, and some thought there was quite a personal resemblance between them. He was a great worker and valued every one according to his working ability. On one occasion, he and some of his neighbors had been at work haying during very warm weather; at the dinner table, Capt. Levi Vinal was perspiring freely, when Mr. Battles observed: "Why, Vinal, I haven't seen you sweat so much before to-day." Capt. Vinal immediately responded: "I haven't had such hard work to keep up with you before." This retort was very pleasing to the listeners, as Battles was an enormous eater. He lived to be over eighty, and died of gangrene.

Children† of Jared and Elizabeth<sup>5</sup> (Litchfield) Battles:

186. i. BENJAMIN<sup>6</sup> *Battles*, b. Cohasset, Mch. 8, 1781; d. at Scituate, Dec. 5, 1835, unm.
187. ii. EDWARD *Battles*, b. Cohasset, June 24, 1784; m. 1810, Lydia Leavitt.
188. iii. SIBYL ("Sibel," etc.) *Battles*, b. Cohasset, Aug. 16, 1788; m. 1808, Matthew Gannett.
189. iv. BARNARD *Battles*, b. Cohasset, Jan. 16, 1790; m. (before 1836) Mary ——. Res. Boxborough.‡

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\* Joseph Loring<sup>8</sup> Litchfield, whose house is near the Scituate line, on the road from Gannett's Corner to Cohasset. By "Mr. Mitchell," Miss Thorndike means Charles Mitchell, of Hallett street, North Scituate, on Battles Hill.

† The first five children are recorded on the Cohasset town records. Where or when Josiah was born has not been ascertained. More data wanted.

‡ Boxborough is in Middlesex County.

190. v. DEBORAH *Battles*, b. Cohasset, Feb. 25, 1796; m. 1st, 1817, Theophilus Witherell; m. 2nd, 1829, Silas Hamilton.
191. vi. JOSIAH *Battles*, b. Cohasset (?), prob. in 1800; m. Mehit-able Shumway. Res. Worcester, Boston, Boxborough and Oxford, where he died\* Feb. 8, 1868, aged 68.

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LUCY STUDLEY<sup>5</sup> LITCHFIELD (*Josiah*,<sup>4</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Lar-rence*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Scituate, April 20, 1761. Baptized July 10, 1763. Married in Scituate (town records), Dec. 22 (int. Nov. 7), 1784, by Rev. David Barns, to Capt. John<sup>5</sup> Doane ("Doan," "Done") of Scituate, born in Scituate, Nov. 6, 1765 (or 1764), son of John<sup>4</sup> † and Lucy (Davenport) Doane.

\* From Daniels's Hist. Oxford, Mass., p. 401, as is also his marriage, p. 686. They had four sons according to this history.

† This John<sup>4</sup> Doane was the son of John<sup>3</sup> Doane of Wellfleet and Boston, a large land-holder in Hingham, Hull and Boston (see Suffolk Co. deeds). John<sup>3</sup> Doane, b. Eastham, May 29, 1664, d. Boston, Nov. 22, 1755 (will rec. at Boston), married 1st, June 30, 1686, Mehetabel Scudder; married 2nd, Hannah Hobart (see Hist. Hingham), who d. at Wellfleet, Sept. 4, 1731, in 65th year; and his third wife was Jane, widow of Paul Baxter, Jr., and daughter of Lieut. Gershom Collier of Hull, to whom he was married at Hull, July 20, 1732. According to the Bangs Gen., there were eight children as issue of these marriages, and of these, John<sup>4</sup> was born in Eastham, Mch. 17, 1733-4; Hannah, b. Hull, 1737, m. Richard Billings, Jr., a tailor of Boston; Jane, b. Boston, 1743, m. Rev. John Brown, pastor in Cohasset, 1747-1791; and Anne, b. Boston, 1744, m. Col. Elisha Doane of Wellfleet and Boston, and also David Stoddard Greenough of Boston. See Norfolk Co. Prob. rec. Jane, widow of John<sup>3</sup> Doane, married 3rd, Atherton Hough or Haugh (Suffolk Prob. rec.).

John<sup>3</sup> Doane was the son of John<sup>2</sup> and Hannah (Bangs) Doane of Eastham, and John<sup>2</sup> was the son of Deacon John<sup>1</sup> Doane of Eastham, who had previously lived in Plymouth, as early as 1630, where he was an Assistant in 1633. His wife's name was Abigail, and he d. Feb. 21, 1686, being of great age. There are several books and articles containing accounts of the Doanes, to which further investigation is referred. George L. Davenport of Cohasset and Alfred A. Doane of South Boston are interested in this family.

The death of Lucy (Davenport) Doane has been found in the *Boston Centinel*, in Jan., 1788, as follows: Died "at Cohasset, Mrs. Lucy Doane, aged 54, consort of Mr. John Doane, of that place, and formerly of this town (Boston)." She was dau. James and Sarah (Franklin) Davenport of Boston, where Lucy was prob. b. Nov. 17, 1733. Her intentions to John<sup>4</sup> Doane are recorded at Boston, Mch. 24, 1754, and John<sup>4</sup> is called a "watchmaker." James Davenport was the son of John and the grandson of Thomas Davenport (see N. E. Hist. Gen. Reg., vol. xxxiii: p. 31).

From a study of the town and church records of Scituate and from information otherwise gathered, it would appear that the ch. of John<sup>4</sup> Doane were as follows: Lucy,<sup>5</sup> bapt. Oct. 6, 1765, m. *Josiah Damon, Jr.*, 1779 (see pp. 124, 125, this Genealogy); John<sup>5</sup> (above), whose baptism is recorded as having been at the same time as that of his sister Lucy,<sup>5</sup> but whose birth (the only one of this family

Capt. John<sup>5</sup> Doane lived in a house opposite the present (1905) residence of Miss Ella Bates, Hallett street, North Scituate, but only the cellar-hole remains. George Otis Vinal, North Scituate, a grandson, recalls having slept in this old Doane house. Joshua<sup>6</sup> Doane, son of Capt. John,<sup>5</sup> afterwards lived in the house, but he soon built a smaller one, which is still standing on Hallett street, opposite Mt. Vernon street, and this has been remodeled by John,<sup>7</sup> son of Joshua.<sup>6</sup> He was a sea-captain, and is called "mariner" and "yeoman." He attended the First Church. His name occurs on the records of deeds at Plymouth registry as grantor and grantee.

The Scituate town meeting records contain several references to John Doane. In October, 1796, he and his family were taken from school district No. 3 and annexed to the 13th, but changed back again in 1800. He was field-driver, highway surveyor, petit juror, and tything-man.

March 8, 1802. Voted that Elijah Turner, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Hayward Peirce, Esq<sup>r</sup>. & Silvanus Clapp to be a Committe to Confer with John Doane & Jered Battels Relative to the road that goeth through their Lands, to the Farm Neck (so called) & to report in half an hour.

The above Committe Made the following Report — that the Town of Scituate allow to John Doane & Jered Battels the Sum of one Dollar per rod for the fence through their Lands to Farm Neck (so called) and the above named John Doane and Jered Battels agreed to give the Land — and if hereafter the Town of Scituate Shall make it appear that they have any right to a road through their Land to Farm neck, Said Doane and Battels agree to make to the Town of Scituat a reasonable Consideration for Said right — And Said Doane & Battels to give a Deed of Said road Voted to accept of the above report.

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recorded on the town records of Scit.) is recorded "Nov. 6, 1765," perhaps an error; James<sup>5</sup> and Joshua,<sup>5</sup> bapt. privately, being sick, Sept. 25, 1775, and prob. d. soon after; Jane,<sup>5</sup> m. Oct. 16, 1786, Dr. Thomas Bourne, Jr. (see Cohasset records); Nancy<sup>5</sup> and "Ginny,"<sup>5</sup> bapt. Sept. 1, 1776, of whom "Ginny"<sup>5</sup> prob. d. young, and Nancy<sup>5</sup> m. Daniell Hayden, 1783, and had a son, Joshua.<sup>6</sup> There has also been credited to this family, a *Fanny* Doane, said to have m. Benjamin Stevens, but the Scituate records say that Benjamin Stevens m. *Hannah* Doane, Dec. 18, 1775.

At Dedham Probate Registry, there is the account of the administration on the estate of John Doane of Roxbury, who died about 1795. He was a son of Col. Elisha and Anne (Doane) Doane, named above. This is the only John Doane recorded in Norfolk County Probate to 1878.

In 1764 and 1766, John<sup>4</sup> Doane was surveyor of highways in Scituate.

In May, 1819, the report of a committee of the town for widening to 30 feet the highway "from Abial Cudworths to the Widow Doanes,"—now Hallett street,—was accepted. The abutters were: Widow Doane (*i. e.*, Lucy Studley Doane), Jared Battles, Widow Briggs, Miss Jane Briggs and John Otis. Of these, Widow Doane was to receive five shillings for each of her twelve rods demanded for the road and the removal of her fence.

There is one deed in Norfolk County registry, recorded in 1795, in which a John Doane conveys property to Elisha Doane. (Vol. iii: p. 249.)

Lucy Studley<sup>5</sup> Doane died at Scituate, February 12, 1839 (First Church rec.), and is buried probably beside her husband. His gravestone in Groveland Cemetery, North Scituate, bears the following inscription: "In memory of Capt John Doane who died Jan<sup>ry</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1805 in the 41<sup>st</sup> year of his age." The First Church records have the following entry: Died "1805 — Cap John Doane." The town record is: Died Jan. 21, 1805, "Capt John Doane 41" years. He died intestate, and on May 21, 1805 (Plym. Co. Prob. rec.), Lucy, his widow, was appointed administratrix. The sureties on her bond of \$2000.00 were Hayward Peirce and William Vinal, Jr., both of Scituate. It was ordered that the notification of administration should appear in the *New England Palladium*, printed in Boston by Messrs. Young & Minns.

## INVENTORY OF ESTATE OF JOHN DOANE.\*

To wareing apparel . . . . .	42.76
Quadrant Navigation books & Spy Glafs . . . . .	20.00
To a watch . . . . .	13.00
To Houfe hold furniture confifting of 4 feather beds & a variety of other articles . . . . .	268.77
To a canoe . . . . .	19.00
To Cedar Clapboards . . . . .	10.00
To fifhing leads & lines . . . . .	1.00
To 1 Gun powder horns &c . . . . .	7.00
To 1 diamon to cut glafs . . . . .	2.00
To Saws, Coopers adds, plains & a variety of other mecanical Tools . . . . .	10.00

\* Recorded in Plymouth County Probate Records, vol. xl: p. 247.



To boot (?) of all sorts. . . . .	1.00
To a Saddle, pillions & Saddle bags . . . . .	8.00
To a Slay & harnifs . . . . .	13.00
To farm produce (viz) Corn, rye & meat . . . . .	56.50
To farming tools of all Sorts . . . . .	40.82
To live Stock (viz) Cows, oxen, horfe, Sheep &c . . . . .	241.75

Whole foot of Personal Estate . . . . . \$754.60

To certain undivided part of about 44 acres of Land with a Dwelling house barn & all the buildings thereon standing, being the homestead where sd. deceased last dwelt, also about 8 acres of wood Land near the Clayway, & about 2 acres of Cedar Swamp lying in the Town Swamp, all lying in common & undivided with another Person, & to us uncertain what said deceased owned thereof we accordingly value the whole at . . . . . 3500.00

To the half of a pew in the North meeting house in Scituate valued at . . . . . 25.00

Whole foot of Real . . . . . \$3525.00

Scituate May 29<sup>th</sup> 1805

Appraisers { HAYWARD PEIRCE  
CALVIN PEIRCE  
ISRAEL BAILEY

EXTRACT FROM ADMINISTRATRIX'S ACCOUNT.\*

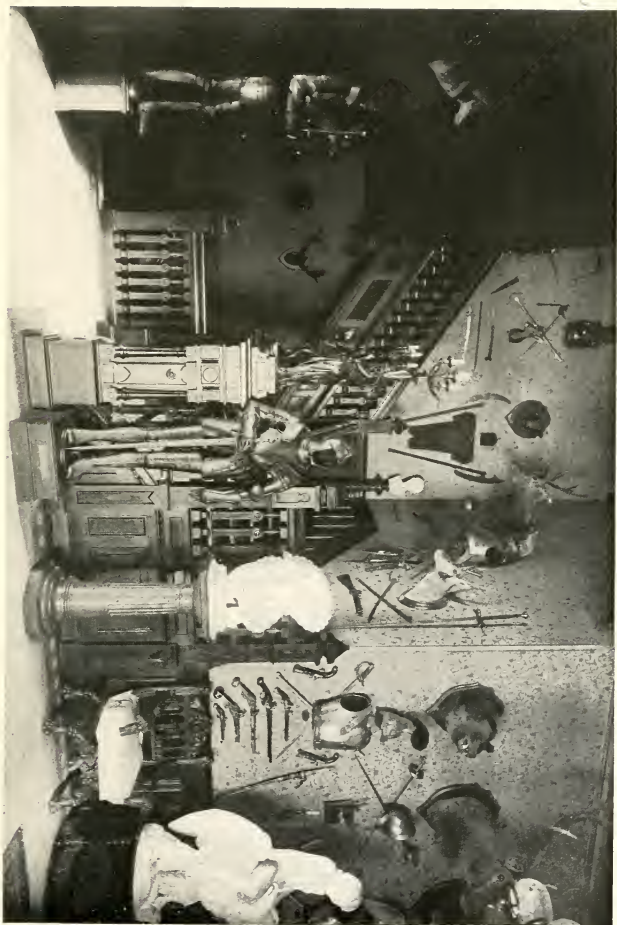
*Imprimis.* Said administratrix charges herself with the whole of said dec<sup>d</sup>. Personal Estate as pr. Inventory amounting to . . . . . \$754.60

*Secondly,* prays allowance of Sundry Debts paid, charges, &c., as follows, viz :

Paid Simeon Litchfield, \$12.75; *ditto*, 10.93; Ebenezer Bailey, 4.58.7; Thomas Thaxter & Son, 23.36; Young & Minns, 1.00; Isaac Collier, 4.74; Josiah Daman on a Note, 27.75; *ditto* on acct., 7.17; Stephen Litchfield, 5.75; Paul Bailey, 1.75; Ward Litchfield, 10.64; Calvin Peirce, 2.97; Francis Lincoln, 0.58; Hayward Peirce, 7.95; *ditto*, 4.20; Gershom Wheelwright, 5; Josiah Litchfield on a note, 167.82; Joseph Litchfield on a note, 424.09; Henry Daman on a Note, 3.64; David Beal, 6.00; Thomas Clapp on a Note, 20.70; John Peirce on a Note, 10.46; Nath<sup>el</sup> Peirce & Lemuel Vinal on a Note, 9.90; Nath<sup>el</sup> & John Peirce on a Note, 2.81,

\* Recorded Plymouth County Probate Records, vol. xlii: p. 167.





The Stairway in Private Residence of Hon. Edward Hubbard<sup>s</sup> Litchfield,  
2 Montague Terrace, Brooklyn, N. Y.



To Pork, beaf, Indian Corn & rye, expended by the family of said dec <sup>d</sup> appraised at . . . . .	56.50
One old cow killed & used by said family appraised at . . . . .	18.00
To said administratrix's time & trouble in Settling the Estate on the whole. Together with Probate fees at this time . . . . .	51.32
Allowance to the widow for necessaries . . . . .	150.00
(Total)	\$1052.36.7

Scituate September 7<sup>th</sup> 1807

[Signed] LUCY DOANE

On March 5, 1839, Elijah Peirce was appointed administrator on the estate of Lucy Doane, deceased, by request of her children, viz., Joshua Doane, Maria, wife of Paul Vinal, and Nancy Haley. The sureties on his bond for \$2000.00 were Ammiel Curtis and Noah B. Nichols. Before March, 1840, Nancy Haley sold her interest in this estate to the administrator and so her name does not appear in the final settlement of the estate. The inventory, taken Feb. 20, 1839, gives the value of real estate, \$792.50; of personal property, \$57.02. The appraisers were John B. Turner, Abiel Cudworth, and Elisha Peirce. Land was sold to pay the debts which amounted to \$346.00, including precinct and highway taxes. (Plymouth Probate records.)

Children\* of John and Lucy Studley<sup>s</sup> (Litchfield) Doane, found on Scituate records :

192. i. NANCY<sup>6</sup> *Doane*, b. May 27, 1787; m. William Haley, 1807; res. in Maine.
- ii. { *Two children*, names not found, who died in the year 1792,
- iii. { according to Scituate town and First Church records.
193. iv. JOSHUA *Doane*, b. July 20, 1793; m. Lydia Stoddard, 1815; res. Scituate.
- v. *Child*, died in 1797, aged six weeks; name not found.
194. vi. MARIA *Doane*, b. Aug. 22, 1800; m. Paul Vinal, 1816; res. Scituate.

\* The names of Nancy, Joshua and Maria are the only ones appearing in the birth records at Scituate. The three children, names unknown, are placed among the deaths, as follows: 1792, "A child of John Doane," and again the same year, "A child of John Doane." In 1797, "The child of Capt Jno Doane Aet 6 weeks" (Church Rec.). There appear to be no baptisms. Nancy<sup>6</sup> has been called *Annie* by some, but it is quite certain that such was not her real name.

JAMES<sup>5</sup> LITCHFIELD (*Josiah*,<sup>4</sup> *Nicholas*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Lawrence*<sup>1</sup>) was born at Scituate, November 12, 1734; baptized June 15, 1735. Resided in Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate. One of the executors and a legatee under the will of his father (pp. 142-145). Is mentioned in the deeds of his father (pp. 135-138) as grantee and witness. Said to have been called "the lawyer." His surname also appears on records as "Litchfield."

*James Litchfield*

James<sup>5</sup> was one of the petitioners in January, 1768, for a precinct meeting to consider the desirability of the separation of Cohasset from the mother-town, Hingham (where he\* was then living); and in 1771 he is named in the *first* list of Cohasset taxpayers, when he held real estate to the amount of £9: 18s. See Bigelow's Hist. Cohasset, pp. 262, 275. On page 293 of this history, he is named as a private in Capt. Obadiah Beal's company, in 1776, thus showing that he was a Revolutionary soldier. See Appendix, also.

The following are items or abstracts from the records of the Second Precinct of Hingham or Town of Cohasset, concerning James<sup>5</sup> Litchfield:—

Constable with Ezekiel Lincoln, in 1770-1.

May 15, 1770. *Voted*: "That y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants of the Beech Woods [where James<sup>5</sup> lived] so called from Abner Bates be allowed to draw their proportion of the Money Granted for y<sup>e</sup> School or Schools Provided they Improve the same in a Writeing & reading School." Also, *Voted*: "To Choose a Committee of three to Provide School masters y<sup>e</sup> present year." This committee consisted of James Litchfield, Abel Kent, Ephraim Lincoln.

March 4, 1771. Committee on division of "poor arms" with Hingham: Isaac Lincoln, James Litchfield, Dr. Lazarus Beal.

March 2, 1772. *Voted*: "Not to allow James Litchfield Late Constable to draw out of the Treasury the Province County & District Rate of Adam Beal for the year 1770, nor of Thomas Studly for the

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\* See deed, dated Nov. 29, 1768, Suffolk Co. deeds.

year 1770. *Voted*: to allow said James to Draw out . . . . the rate of Jacob Orcutt for 1770."

March 1, 1773. Rates allowed to James Litchfield.

Deer-reeve in 1774-5 ; also, surveyor of highways.

April 10, 1777. The following Committee of Correspondence, etc., was elected : Capt. Job Cushing, Micah Nichols, Capt. Obadiah Beal, Noah Marble, Thomas Pratt, Ebenezer Lane, *James Litchfield*, Uriah Lincoln and Thomas Lincoln. This service gives eligibility to their descendants to the S. A. R., D. A. R., etc., membership.

Surveyor of highways, 1777, in place of Nathaniel Bate, absent.

Aug. 18, 1777. On committee of five "to see upon what terms they could Procure the men Sent for from this Town to reinforce the northern army untill the Last day of Nov<sup>r</sup> next."

Dec. 8, 1777. On committee to assist assessors in taking the valuation of the town.

March 16, 1778. Moderator of town meeting, and again, on Dec. 17, 1778.

March 15, 1779. Chosen fence-viewer, also on committee "to Look up the incroachments that have been made upon the Rodes and Where the Original fence has been Moved to Order them Burned out if they think it Requisit." This committee was continued, May 20, 1779.

May 20, 1779. On committee to draw instructions for delegate (Thomas Lothrop) to the convention at Concord.

May 5, 1780. On committee to consider the present form of government.

March 12, 1781. Fence-viewer. Also on committee with Thomas Lothrop and Uriah Lincoln, as three agents, "to confer with the agents of the Town of Scituate and Owners of the mill Dam Between Said Towns [Scituate and Cohasset] respecting Said Dam being made a Public rode and make a final Settlement."

August 2, 1781. Chosen moderator, but excused. Chosen on committee to purchase beef, but excused. The records of the town of Cohasset for 1783 appear to be missing, as there are 34 pages gone from the record book.

May 17, 1784. On committee to see about buying a poor-house.

March 13, 1786. Surveyor of highways.

Dec. 3, 1787. Moderator of town meeting. Chosen to represent the town in the Constitutional Convention (but it would appear from the Journal of this Convention that Cohasset had no delegates present).

March 10, 1788. Chosen warden.

March 9, 1789. Chosen fence-viewer.

March 10, 1794. *Voted*: "To choose a committee to join with the Town of Scituate to consult the Great and General Court respecting opening a passage for the fish called ail-wifs to pass up the gulf into Scituate pond (so called)." Committee: Luther Stephenson, James Litchfield, Jared Battles. See further account in Family No. 51.

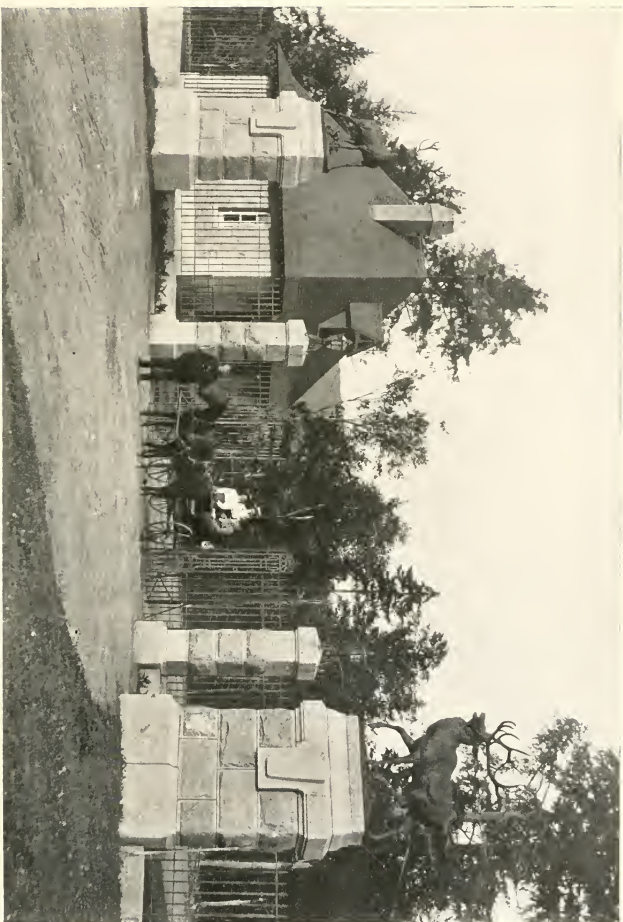
April 7, 1794. Granted to James Litchfield, his heirs and assigns, forever, for 10 shillings, 4 rods of land, agreeable to the report of the selectmen.

March 9, 1795. School committee chosen: Galen James for "y<sup>e</sup> North;" Thomas Pratt for the South; James Litchfield for the "Beachwoods;" and Ephraim Lincoln for "Jerusalem Division." Jerusalem Road, between Cohasset and Nantasket Beach, is one of the most beautiful highways in New England, and a favorite place for elegant and substantial summer residences.

James<sup>s</sup> Litchfield removed to Scituate, between 1795 and 1805, and lived near Clapp's Corner, in the western part of the town, where he probably carried on farming. He is called "yeoman" in deeds, for which see Families Nos. 28, 51, 57 and 60.

In April, 1901, Joseph William<sup>s</sup> Litchfield of Norwell and Scituate, great-grandson of James<sup>s</sup> Litchfield, had in his possession the original warrant, well preserved, which was issued by Harrison Gray, Esq., Treasurer and Receiver-General of Massachusetts Bay Province, of Boston, to James "Littlefield" (so written), "Constable or Collector of Cohasset," dated Dec. 22, 1770, authorizing him to collect, from those assessed in Cohasset, the sum of £44:13s.:2d., in accordance with an act of the General Court of May 30, 1770. This paper has been handed down through three generations. The mistake of writing "Littlefield" for *Litchfield* is a common one. There is no doubt of the authenticity of this document, as the town records show that James Litchfield was one of the first constables and collectors of the then new town of Cohasset, which was incorporated April 26, 1770. See History of Cohasset, page 274.

The following deeds and references are from the Suffolk County Registry, at Boston:—



The Gate and Lodge, Litchfield Park, Adirondacks.  
(Hon. Edward H. Litchfield, Owner.)





June 30, 1768. Stephen Stodder, yeoman, of Hingham, Jonathan Stodder, housewright, Asa Stodder, bricklayer, both of Boston, for £16:5s, to James Litchfield, yeoman, of Hingham, a piece of land in the second part of the third division of Hingham lands,  $3\frac{1}{4}$  acres, bounded by land of Jonathan Pratt and heirs of Aaron Pratt. Witnesses: William and Simeon Stoddard. On Nov. 29, 1768, Deborah James released her rights in said land. Rec. Nov. 9, 1769. (Vol. cxv: p. 251.)

May 1, 1772. Seth Merritt, shipwright, and Mercy, his wife, of Scituate, for £86, sold to James Lichfield, yeoman, Cohasset,  $21\frac{1}{2}$  A. Cohasset land. Witnesses: Melzar T. Oakman and Barnabas Little. Rec. June 12, 1772. (Vol. cxxi: p. 184.)

The following deeds at Boston give data concerning the Pratt family, with which James<sup>s</sup> Litchfield was connected by marriage:

Mch. 10, 1758. Mercy Stodder *alias* Mercy Bates, Samuel Stodder, Hannah Stodder, Seth Merrett & Mercy his wife, Stephen Stodder & Rachel his wife, sold land in Hingham, to Jonathan Prat of Hingham. Witnesses: David Little, *James Lichfield*, to Seth and Mercy Merrett. Rec. July 10, 1760. (Vol. xciv; p. 240.)

Jan. 21, 1777. Joseph Pratt of Cohasset, yeoman, to Aaron Pratt, guardian, of Cohasset, yeoman, land in Cohasset. Witnesses: *James Lichfield* and Joshua Bates. Rec. Feb. 28, 1783. (Vol. cxxxvii: p. 122.)

Aug. 31, 1786. An execution of Aaron Pratt, yeoman, of Cohasset, admr. estate of John Pratt of Cohasset, deceased, *vs.* John Prow, executor of estate of Elisha Tower, late of Cohasset, deceased. Tenement in Cohasset, bounded on south by Haugh Oakes, on west by *James Lichfield*, on east by the road. Rec. Sept. 16, 1786. (Vol. cliii: p. 96.)

Aug. 31, 1786. An execution of Aaron Pratt, yeoman, Cohasset, *vs.* John Prow of Dartmouth, Bristol county, executor of estate of Elisha Tower, late of Cohasset, deceased. Part of house in Cohasset and land bounded on west and north by *James Lichfield*, and on south by another part of said house and land. Rec. Sept. 16, 1786. (Vol. cliii: p. 98.)

At Northampton Registry of Deeds is the following:—

Dec. 16, 1790. Edmund Sylvester, of Chesterfield, for £23:3s., sold to James Litchfield, of Cohasset,  $15\frac{1}{2}$  A. Chesterfield land ("Hingham Propriety"), part of grantor's farm, bounded by land which grantor sold this day to Capt. Daniel<sup>s</sup> Litchfield (*q. v.*), and by Wright and Dea. Pierce. (Vol. vi: p. 138.)

For various items concerning James<sup>5</sup> Litchfield, see Diary of Israel<sup>5</sup> Litchfield, Family No. 60. He had been surveyor of highways in Scituate in 1758, and hog-reeve in 1768 (town records).

James<sup>5</sup> Litchfield was married at Hingham, on May 15, 1760 (int. March 1st, at Scituate), by Rev. Daniel Shute, of Hingham, to Hannah Pratt, born at Hingham and baptized there, Aug. 13, 1732, oldest, and probably only surviving child of Jonathan and Hannah (Whitcomb) Pratt. See History of Hingham, vol. iii: p. 117, for her family connections. Her father\* served in the French and Indian War. Hannah died April 8, 1818 (family record of Daniel<sup>5</sup> Litchfield), "aged 86 years & som mos." Joel Willcutt's Diary says: "Widow Litchfield mother of Noah Litchfield aged 87 years" died in April, 1818.

Morse's *Litchfield Genealogy* (1855) makes *Rachel Mansfield*† the wife of James<sup>5</sup> Litchfield, but this is an error.

James<sup>5</sup> Litchfield's death on the Scituate town records is without month or day, — "1812 — 78 years." Capt. Daniel<sup>5</sup> Litchfield (Family No. 57), has his death recorded thus: "brother James Litchfield departed this Life in 78 y<sup>r</sup> of age April the 5th day 1812." It is probable that he and his wife lie buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Scituate, but no gravestones have been found there. The settlement of his estate follows. Nothing has been found concerning the estate of his widow, Hannah, who probably died in Cohasset.

#### WILL OF JAMES<sup>5</sup> LITCHFIELD. ‡

**In the name of God Amen.** I James Litchfield of Scituate in the County of Plymouth yeoman, being of sound mind & memory bleffed be God therefor, calling to mind the mortallity of the body, and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament. That is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave

\* "Jonathan<sup>3</sup> (Aaron,<sup>2</sup> Phinehas<sup>1</sup>) Pratt was a farmer and resided in Cohasset near his brother [Aaron<sup>3</sup>]. He married and had a daughter whose name I have not obtained who married — Litchfield. Perhaps there were other children." (From *Phinehas Pratt and his Descendants*, pp. 70, 71, by Eleazer F. Pratt, *et al.*, 1897).

† Scituate town records: Intentions of marriage of "Mr James Litchfield Jr of Scituate to Mifs Rachel mansfield of Hingham may 27: 1781." It is thought at the present writing that this "James, Jr.," was *grand-son* of James<sup>5</sup>.

‡ Recorded in Plymouth County Probate Records, vol. xlv: p. 163. It was proved April 15, 1812.

it. And for my body I commend it to the earth to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my Executor, nothing doubting but at the general rerefurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as tuching such wordly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to blefs me in this life I give & dispose of the same in the following manner.

I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Hannah the use and improvement of my whole Estate both real and personal during her natural life.

I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Son Joab Litchfield his Heirs & Assigns all my lands & buildings in the town of Scituate except a parcel of Sedge ground or flats laying in Scituate afores<sup>d</sup>. at or near a place called Briggs' harbour. Also the one half part of my personal Estate after my Just debts & funeral charges are paid to be equally divided unto him.

I give and bequeath unto my well beloved son Noah Litchfield his heirs and Assigns all my lands and buildings in the towns of Cohasset in the County of Norfolk and Hingham in the County of Plymouth. Also the one half part of my personal Estate after my Just debts & funeral charges are paid, to be equally divided unto him.

And I do hereby constitute and appoint my said Son Noah Litchfield sole Executor of this my last will & testament

I give & bequeath unto my well beloved grandchildren Cotton James, Elijah James, Eleazer James, & Ruthe James, children of my late daughter Rachel James, all my Sedge ground lieing in Scituate aforesaid near Brigg's harbour so called I bequeath the said Sedge ground & flats to them the said Cotton, Elijah, Eleazer & Ruthe their heirs & assigns. And I do hereby revoke & difannul all former wills and testaments by me made confirming this to be my last will & testament

In witnefs whereof I do hereunto set my hand & seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and five.

*James Litchfield*



Sign'd seal'd, publih'd pronounc'd & declar'd, by the said James Litchfield as his last will & testament in prence of us.

ISRAEL LITCHFIELD  
DANIEL LITCHFIELD  
ISAAC LITCHFIELD

INVENTORY OF ESTATE OF JAMES<sup>5</sup> LITCHFIELD.\*

To wareing apparel of all kind appraised at . . . . .	\$21 78
To books of all sorts . . . . .	1 00
To Houfehold furniture of all kinds, confisting of two feather beds, bolsters & pillows & a variety of other things all appraised at	121 80
To Cattle Sheep & horfe	
Viz — 1 yoke of oxen \$59. — one red cow \$27.33 — one dark red Cow \$27.66 — one year old Steer \$7.40 — one old mare	
\$7 — four Sheep & 4 Lambs \$13 . . . . .	141 39
To about 35 <sup>lbs.</sup> pork \$2.80 & about 5 bufhels corn \$5 . . . . .	7 80
To farming utenfels of all kinds . . . . .	10 49
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Whole foot of Personal Estate . . . . .	\$304 26
To about 41 acres of Land with all the buildings thereon, being the homestead farm of said deceased lying in said Scituate appraised at . . . . .	\$2635 00
To a Lot of flats or Sedge mowing Land at Briggs' Harbour in sd. Scituate . . . . .	40 00
To about 4 acres of Salt marfh at Hubbe meadow . . . . .	212 00
To three Small rights or Shares of Cedar Swamp lying in said Scituate . . . . .	10 00
To two acres & a half of wood Land at mount hope . . . . .	50 00
To about 1½ acres of flat Swamp . . . . .	15 00
To about 3¼ acres wood Land lying in Hingham . . . . .	42 00
To 21½ acres of field & pasture Land lying in Cohasset . . . . .	387 00
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foot of Real Estate . . . . .	\$3391 00

Scituate, April 18<sup>th</sup> 1812.

DANIEL LITCHFIELD	} <i>Appraisers.</i>
ISRAEL LITCHFIELD	
JOHN PRATT	

## REFUSAL OF EXECUTOR.†

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Joshua Thomas Esq<sup>r</sup>. Judge of the Probate for the County of Plymouth,

Sir:— Whereas my Honored father James Litchfield, late of Scituate in the County of Plymouth yeoman decs<sup>d</sup>. appointed me the subscriber, Executor to his will dated the 18th. day of November A. D. 1805 — purporting to be his last will & Testament. This is therefore to signify to your Honor that I do decline taking upon me the trust of Executor as aforesaid.

Attest: Israel Litchfield.



\* Recorded in Plymouth County Probate Records, vol. xlv : p. 286.

† *Ibid.*, vol. xlv : folio 164.



View on Lake Madeline, Litchfield Park.



Hayward Peirce, Esq., was appointed by the court as administrator with the will annexed. His sureties were Daniel<sup>s</sup> and Israel<sup>s</sup> Litchfield. The personal property was not sufficient to pay the debts and legacies, and in 1813, the administrator was empowered to sell real estate enough to cover the deficiency.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S ACCOUNT.

The account of Hayward Peirce administrator with the Will annexed on the Estate of James Litchfield late of Scituate in S<sup>d</sup>. County yeoman deceased, is. Humbly offered for approbation and allowance as follows — Viz.

*First.* Said Adm<sup>r</sup>. charges himself with the whole amount of said deceaseds Personal Estate, as Pr. Inventory thereof, being the sum of \$304.26; also by one Note of hand not on Interest found due to said Estate from Israel Litchfield, which was not included in s<sup>d</sup>. Inventory, to the amount of 1.11; also by the amount of Sales of part of S<sup>d</sup>. Personal Estate, sold at Public auction, by consent of the widow of s<sup>d</sup>. decs<sup>d</sup>. for payment of debts, the whole of s<sup>d</sup>. Personal Estate was given to her to improve during her life by said Will, 147.57; also by Interest Rec<sup>d</sup>. on S<sup>d</sup>. sales previous to payment, .94; also by Cash Rec<sup>d</sup>. of Noah Litchfield one of the legatees to S<sup>d</sup>. will to enable me to pay his part of the debts &c., 250.00; also by cash Rec<sup>d</sup>. on the Sales of Land sold by order of Court for the payment of debts &c., which Land Sold as aforesaid, was given to Joab Litchfield one of the Legatees to S<sup>d</sup>. Will, 246.17; foot of credit: \$950.05.

*Secondly.* Said Adm<sup>r</sup>. prays allowance for debts & charges by him paid, & for Sundry Services &c., by him done & performed &c., as follows, Viz. — To all the Personal Estate as Pr. Inventory credited for as above, delivered to the widow of S<sup>d</sup>. decs<sup>d</sup>. for her improvement during her life, agreeable to S<sup>d</sup>. decs<sup>d</sup>. Will, as by her Certificate now present will appear, amounting to \$304.26; To attending with the widow & Sons respecting the administration previous thereto, at their request, .50; To going to Plymouth to exhibit the will for Probate & take administration, 3.50; To cash paid for expences for witness to the will at Plymouth, 1.75; To Notifying & attending 2 days with appraisers, 2.50; To notifying agreeable to order of Notice, .50; To paid a Justice for oath to the appraisers, .20; To paid Eben<sup>r</sup>. Bailey for taxes, 18.70; To paid Henry Printice for taxes, 12.64; To paid Azotus Litchfield on note, 15.11. paid D<sup>o</sup>. on acct., 4.80; To paid Probate fees for proving the will, order of notice and return of Inven-



tory, 7.05; To attending Probate for return of Inventory, &c., 1.00; To paid John Pratt for appraising, 2.50; To paid Paul Clapp for provisions &c. for appraisers, 3.73; To paid Israel Litchfield for going to Plymouth as witness to the will, & for appraising, 5.25; To notifying & attending a Vendue of Personal Estate, 1.50; To notifying & attending one other Vendue of Personal Estate, 1.50; To paid Daniel Litchfield for going as Witness to prove the will & appraising, 5.25; To two half days to meet with the heirs to consult them about sales &c., 1.00; To making Bond leases &c with the widow & heirs at their request, 1.25; To paid Caleb Pratt for taxes, 11.89; To 1 day with the widow & heirs respecting the Settlement of the Estate, 1.00; To paid John Sutton on acct., 2.00; To paid Charles Whitcom on two notes, 179.80; To paid Isaac Litchfield on acct., 8.48; To paid Judge Thomas for obtaining license for sale of Real Estate, 5.80; To paid *Ditto* for previous oath, .25; To paid Elijah Litchfield on note, 31.40; To paid Caleb Bailey on note, 1.84; To paid Francis Lincoln on Note, 6.21; To paid Experience Hammond on acct., .05; To paid Jaazeniah Bates of Cohasset on acct., 1.48; To paid Daniel Litchfield Jun<sup>r</sup>. for digging grave, 2.50; To  $\frac{1}{2}$  a day Settling acc<sup>ts</sup>. of Vendue &c., .50; To paid Dr. Peleg Ford on acct., 9.25; To going to Plymouth to get license to sell Real Estate, 2.50; To notifying & attending Sale at auction of Real Estate, 1.25; To notifying Surveyor & attending to measure Land Sold, .60; To time & attention to ascertain the quantity of other Land sold, .50; To paid Nathaniel Peirce on note, 13.33; To one day Settling acc<sup>ts</sup>. &c., 1.00; To paid Luther Litchfields note, 72.01; To paid Paul Clapp on acct., 19.51; To paid Jaazeniah Bates of Scituate on acct., 2.50; To paid Israel Litchfield on Note, \$5.20. *Do.* on acct., \$8.59; To part of a day Settling acc<sup>ts</sup>., .33; To paid Israel Bailey on a due bill, 1.24; To paid Bardin Hyland on acct., .73; To paid William Vinal, as Guardian on note, 120.52; To paid Dr. Thomas Thaxters acct., 2.25; To making out this account, various extra trouble not before charged, attending Probate at this time, together with the fees of Probate for Settling this account,\* 22.00. Total \$931.00.

Scituate September 5<sup>th</sup>. 1814.

HAYWARD PEIRCE.

The children of James<sup>s</sup> and Hannah (Pratt) Litchfield were born in that part of Hingham which is now Cohasset, and the dates of birth are taken from the Cohasset records. Joab<sup>6</sup> ap-

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\* Plymouth County Probate Records, vol. xlv: folio 477.



pears as *Joel*, both on the Hingham and Cohasset town books. Perhaps he was named "Joel" at first, and the return made as such to the town clerk.

Children of James<sup>5</sup> and Hannah (Pratt) Litchfield:

195. i. JOAB,<sup>6</sup> b. Nov. 9, 1760; m. 1781, Hannah Willcutt.
196. ii. RACHEL, b. Mch. 28, 1762; m. 1785, Christopher James of Cohasset.
197. iii. NOAH, b. Mch. 12, 1767; m. 1787, Sarah Willcutt.
- iv. SARAH ("Sally"), b. Feb. 8, 1773; bapt. (Hingham records) May 22, 1774. She died before 1805, probably, for she is not mentioned in her father's will. The History of Hingham says she "married Isaac Litchfield," but this is an error.

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JOSIAH<sup>5</sup> LITCHFIELD, JR., (*Josiah*,<sup>4</sup> *Nicholas*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Lawrence*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Scituate, August 30, 1736; baptized June 5, 1737. He is perhaps the one called in 1763, Josiah "ye 3<sup>rd</sup>," on Scituate town records.

The account of Josiah<sup>5</sup> is very meagre. Deane's Hist. Scituate, page 132, says that a "Josiah Litchfield died at Halifax, 1759," but the authority in public or private records for this statement is unknown. It is certain that a Josiah "Lichfeild," Jr., served in the French and Indian war (see Appendix), and it is very probable that he is identical with Josiah,<sup>5</sup> for when he enlisted February 25, 1760, "for the total reduction of Canada," he gave his age as "23" years, and his birthplace and residence, "Scituate." He was living as late as January 15, 1763, according to the account of his service in this war. It appears on the town records that in 1763, the "rates" of Josiah Litchfield, "ye 3<sup>rd</sup>," were allowed to Israel Vinal, the constable, for the years 1761 and 1762. It is very probable that Josiah<sup>5</sup> never lived in Scituate after he went away to war. He was dead before 1783, according to the wording of his father's will (see page 144). His death may have occurred outside of Scituate. No account of the settlement of his estate has appeared.

The name of the wife of Josiah<sup>5</sup> is uncertain, as no marriage or intention has come to light. Francis<sup>6</sup> Litchfield, his son, named

two of his children, *Billings* and *Stockbridge*,\* and it may be that the surname of Josiah's wife was one or the other of these, but no evidence has been presented in proof. Her Christian name may have been *Mercy* or *Rachel*. More light may be thrown upon her identity when all the vital records of Massachusetts have been published.

The Scituate town and church records do not reveal the birth or baptismal dates of the children of Josiah<sup>5</sup>. Both Francis<sup>6</sup> and Mercy<sup>6</sup> are mentioned in the will of their grandfather Josiah,<sup>4</sup> 1783, after both were married. The birth date of Francis<sup>6</sup> is given in his application for a pension as a Revolutionary soldier (see Family No. 198). The birth date of Mercy<sup>6</sup> is given by a descendant.†

Children of Josiah<sup>5</sup> Litchfield :

198. i. FRANCIS,<sup>6</sup> b. Scituate, Sept. 25, 1760; m. 1781, Lucy (or Lucena, or Lusanna) Lincoln. Res. Scituate.
199. ii. MERCY, b. Sept. 12, 1762 (prob. in Scituate); m. 1780, Zebulon Willcutt. Res. Western Mass.

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NICHOLAS<sup>5</sup> LITCHFIELD (*Josiah*,<sup>4</sup> *Nicholas*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Lawrence*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Scituate, January 8, 1738-9; baptized, May 6, 1739. There were several contemporaneous Litchfields by this name, and it is hard to distinguish them rightly, but as there is no mention of this son in the will of his father, Josiah<sup>4</sup> Litchfield, and no data have been found which can be definitely attached to this Nicholas,<sup>5</sup> it is believed that he died either as a child or young man, and unmarried.

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SUSANNA<sup>5</sup> LITCHFIELD (*Josiah*,<sup>4</sup> *Nicholas*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Lawrence*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Scituate, March 24, 1740-1; baptized, Sep-

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\* It has been thought that, if her name was Stockbridge, she was the daughter Mercy, b. Scit., Oct. 1, 1736, of Dr. Benjamin and Ruth (Otis) Stockbridge. No will or deed has been found to prove this. It seems more likely that Stockbridge<sup>7</sup> Litchfield was named for Capt. Samuel Stockbridge (Family No. 58), who married his great-aunt. The name *Billings* is, so far, unaccounted for. Only two marriages in the name of Billings appear on the Scituate records; neither party belonged in Scituate; these occurred in 1773 and 1785.

† Miss Clarinda E. Willcutt, Swift River, Mass. (May, 1905), a great-granddaughter. She wishes correspondence on the Willcutt family.

tember 27, 1741. She is named as unmarried in her father's will (pp. 143, 144), dated in 1783, but on June 10, 1792 (int. May 19), she was married in Scituate, by Rev. David Barns, to Caleb Torrey, Jr., born in Scituate, June 24, 1738, baptized July 9, 1738 (Second Ch. Rec.), son of Capt. Caleb\* and Mary (Clapp) Torrey.

Caleb Torrey, Jr., was married *first*, in Scituate, Nov. 13 (int. Oct. 21), 1781, to Hannah Sylvester, of Scituate, by whom he had (Scit. Rec.) two sons, viz., *Daniel*, "shipwright," b. May 11, 1782, who was of St. George, Lincoln Co., Me., in 1818 (Plym. Co. Deeds, vol. clxx: p. 135); and *Caleb, Jr.*, b. June 23, 1784; d. Dec. 23, 1820; m. (int.) July 8, 1804, Lydia Curtis ("Jr."), of Hanover. The latter son was a "housewright." There were no children from his *second* marriage to Susanna<sup>5</sup> Litchfield. His third wife was Hannah (Willson-Cole) Rogers, with whom the intentions of marriage were filed at Scituate, Feb. 1, 1807 (Drummond's *John Rogers, of Marshfield*, p. 48).

Caleb died Oct. 9, 1824, and his widow, Hannah, probably on Oct. 21, 1826. (Scit. town records). See Deane's *Scituate*.

Caleb Torrey, Jr., is named on Scituate town records as tithingman in 1766, surveyor of highways in 1769, and later, he is named very often as occupying various offices and acting upon several committees. On May 5, 1800, he received \$1.00 for

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\*Capt. Caleb Torrey was the son of Josiah and Sarah (Mendall) Torrey, and the grandson of Lieut. James Torrey, "clothier", one of the early and most useful settlers in Scituate. Capt. Caleb was born in Scituate, Oct. 4, 1695, and died there in 1772 (*Massachusetts Spy*, May 14, 1772). He was representative in the General Court, and lived in that part of Scituate now the town of Norwell. His autograph appears in Briggs's *History of Shipbuilding on North River*, p. 247, where an account of those of his descendants who were shipbuilders, etc., may be found. His will, dated in 1765, of which Caleb and Isaac were execrs., is on file at Plymouth, and names the children in the list below. The intentions of Caleb Torrey to Mary *Bryant* are recorded at Scituate, Feb. 19, 1731, both of Scituate, but the date of marriage has not been found. "Levi Caleb Torrey & Mrs Mary Clap" were married (First Ch. Rec.) at Scituate, May 1, 1735. Besides Caleb, Jr. (above), the ch. of Capt. Caleb and Mary Torrey were: Ruth, b. Sept. 10, 1736, m. Robert Craig (says Deane); Isaac, b. May 27, 1740, d. unm. 1812; Mary, b. Feb. 11, 1742; Deborah, b. May 9, 1747; Hannah, b. May 19, 1752, m. 1st, 1776, John Slade, of Boston; 2d, — Collins; James, b. Jan. 15, 1755, m. 1782, Eunice Turner; and George, b. Jan. 19, 1758, m. Sept. 22, 1782, Thankful Otis. "Mary Torrey wife of Capt Caleb Torrey" was adm. to communion of Scit. 2d Ch., on Apr. 3, 1743. The baptisms in this family are found on these church records. Frederic C. Torrey, Lakehurst, N. J., is compiling the Torrey Genealogy.

ditching "flatts" for the town. He was pound-keeper that year. In 1809 and 1812, and later, his son, Caleb, Jr., was hog-reeve. His residence is supposed to have been on the ancestral estate in what is now Norwell. See Deane's History of Scituate, pages 358, 359.

There is no account on record at Plymouth of the settlement of the estate of Caleb Torrey, Jr., or of his wives.

There is a very large number of deeds recorded at Plymouth in the name of *Caleb Torrey*, and it is hard to show which belong to this family.

On April 11, 1794, Caleb Torrey, "yeoman," Scituate, conveyed, for £25, to "Robert Crague, shipwright," Scituate,  $1\frac{1}{4}$  A. land near the "South Meeting House." *Susanna*, his wife, relinquished dower rights. [Vol. lxxx: p. 107.]

On October 4, 1796, Caleb Torrey, for \$35, conveyed to John Nash, "trader," Scituate, one-quarter acre of land near land of grantor and Rev. David Barns. *Susanna*, his wife, relinquished dower rights. [Vol. lxxxviii: p. 126.]

On September 8, 1799, Caleb Torrey (and wife, *Susanna*) conveyed property to Luther Damon, of Scituate. Ack. Nov. 27th. [Vol. xciii: p. 251.]

On April 20, 1801, Caleb Torrey (and wife, *Susanna*) conveyed property to Benjamin Turner Lane, of Scituate. Ack. Apr. 28th. [Vol. ci: p. 120.]

On January 26, 1805, Caleb Torrey (and wife, *Susanna*, who made her mark) conveyed property to Galen Damon, of Scituate. Ack. same day. [Vol. ciii: p. 15.]

On April 7, 1806, Caleb Torrey conveyed property in two pieces, for \$30, to George Torrey, "shipwright," of Scituate, which had belonged to his "first wife Hannah Torrey Deceas<sup>d</sup>," and which property he warranted and defended against the lawful claims of all, "and in perticular against all claims & demands that *Susanna Torrey my Present wife* may ever make for Dower." Ack. May 15th. [Vol. ciii: p. 262.] Caleb Torrey, Jr., was a witness.

There are other deeds, not appearing in this sketch, previous to the above, in which *Susanna* is named as wife of Caleb. The



The Litchfield Mansion, Prospect Park, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Built in 1854 and occupied for many years by Hon. Edwin Clarke Litchfield, and family, now the headquarters of the Park Commission.



last deed recorded in the name of Caleb Torrey (and his *third* wife, Hannah) is dated March 10, 1823, in which he conveyed property to Anson Robbins. [Vol. cxlvii: p. 237.]

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DANIEL<sup>5</sup> LITCHFIELD (*Josiah*,<sup>4</sup> *Nicholas*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Lawrence*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Scituate, March 21, 1742-3; baptized October 9, 1743.

He was known as *Captain Daniel Litchfield* and was one of the two most eminent sons of Josiah<sup>4</sup> and Susanna (Morey) Litchfield, the other being his brother, Deacon Israel<sup>5</sup>. He received a large share of the paternal estate, and was an executor of his father's will

(see pp. 138, and

142-145). He

lived near Clapp's

Corner, in that

part of Scituate facetiously (and to this day) or otherwise, called "Sodom," of which he was wont to say jocosely that *he was King*. The house in which he lived was torn down a number of years ago. The homestead place is now occupied by Reuben<sup>8</sup> Litchfield, a great-grandson.

He is described as being a man of imposing appearance, large and muscular, and possessing a deep, gruff voice. He was a man of great prominence in town affairs, as will be shown, and possessing considerable property, was considered eligible to many positions of trust and honor.

*History of Springfield, Vt.*,\* page 366, says that he was "an officer in the Revolutionary war, and a prominent citizen of Scituate."

Morse's *Litchfield Genealogy* says "he was a prominent citizen and represented Scituate, 1785."

The abstracts from Dea. Israel<sup>5</sup> Litchfield's diary (see Family No. 60) make frequent mention of Capt. Daniel's name.

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\* This book also credits Capt. Daniel<sup>5</sup> Litchfield with *seven* years' service in the General Court, but he only served one, as shown in this sketch.

## ABSTRACTS FROM SCITUATE TOWN RECORDS.

March, 1775. Daniel Litchfield on committee "to Joyn Cohaffet in Seeing that y<sup>e</sup> alwives are not Obstructed from passing up the brook at Linclons mill." This was a subject of almost constant action on the part of the town, and Capt. Daniel<sup>s</sup> was usually selected as one to settle the troubles. See Family No. 51.

March 27, 1775. The town excused James Cudworth "from Serving as Warden & Chose Daniel Litchfield for Warden in his Room who was Excused from Serving in s<sup>d</sup> office by Reason of *being a Minit man*."

Dec. 3, 1776. "Att a meeting of the Town of Scituate Regularly Affembled at the Southerly Meeting Houfe . . . . Said Town Chose for a Moderater Nath<sup>l</sup> Clap Esq<sup>r</sup> — It was put Whether the Town would give any further Incurragement for Inlifting of Soldiers for the present campaign and past in y<sup>e</sup> Affermitive . . . . It was Voted that a Committee be chose to lay before the Town what Incurragement proper to be given to s<sup>d</sup> Soldiers. . . . Voted that the Committee Consist of nineteen which are as Follows": Daniel Damon, Jonah Stetson, *Daniel Litchfield*, Benjamin Bowker, Barnabas Barker, William Briggs, Elisha Tolman, James Briggs, Jr., Hawke Cushing, Joseph Nash, Ignatius Vinall, Eli Curtis, William Vinall, *Eleazer Litchfield* [Family No. 32], Dea. Joseph Bailey, Israel Silvester, *Israel Litchfield* [Family No. 60], Samuel Stockbridge, Jr. [Family No. 58], and Capt. Joseph Tolman. The report of this committee was accepted.

Dec. 9, 1776. At town meeting, a committee of twenty-five was chosen "for stating the Pricefes [Prices] of things in the Town," for the regulation of trade. Among its members were Israel Vinal, Jr., *Daniel Litchfield*, *Thomas Litchfield* [Family No. 36], *Israel Litchfield* [Family No. 60] and Daniel Damon.

Dec., 1777. Daniel Litchfield, Samuel Stockbridge, Jr. and Thomas Litchfield [Family No. 36] on committee to raise town's quota of soldiers.

May 18, 1778. Samuel Stockbridge, Jr., Israel Vinal, Jr., *Daniel Litchfield* and *Israel Litchfield* [Family No. 60], on committee "to Take under Consideration the present Constation [Constitution] and form of government now Recommended By the general Court." At the June town meeting the recommended Constitution was rejected by the town by a vote of 134 to 2. In 1780, all but two articles were approved.

Oct., 1782. Allowed to Daniel Litchfield, £3: 4s., for "16 Days Spent in the Bifnefs of the Town as an affessor y<sup>e</sup> year Past."



Nov. 18, 1782. Amount due Daniel Litchfield for supplies furnished to the families of Continental Soldiers, 1780-1, — £3: 6s.

March 10, 1783. Daniel Litchfield on committee to plan the repairing of the highways.

April, 1785. Capt. Daniel Litchfield on a committee to plan for a bridge over North River, near John Stetson's, and the town voted to build it.

Oct., 1785. Allowed to Capt. Daniel Litchfield "the foot of his acc<sup>t</sup> for Time &c Spent in the Bufnefs of the Town in the office of Selectman & affeffor, from March 1785 to the Prefant Day, it being £9: 0. 0." In October, 1786, he was allowed £1: 2s., 6d., for same service for 7½ days. In October, 1790, he was allowed 6s. for two days' work.

Oct., 1787. Capt. Daniel Litchfield on committee of ten persons to examine bills of collectors of taxes and report to the town what taxes "said town ought to forgive" [*i. e.* abate]. He served on such a committee at several different times. In March, 1788, he was one of a committee to select collectors of taxes.

Nov. 12, 1789. Capt. Daniel Litchfield and Capt. Hayward Peirce appointed to treat with the proprietors of Lincoln mill dam, "relative to the Highway leading over Said Dam, and to agree with Said Propriaters in behalfe of the Town if they Should think it for the Intrest of Said Town . . . ."

Nov. 30, 1789. Capt. Daniel on committee of fifteen to divide the town into school districts, the number of children from *four* to *twenty-one* years of age to be taken into consideration in the apportionment of the school-money.

Oct. 31, 1791. Capt. Daniel Litchfield on committee to sort the names on the jury list. He acted at later times in such a capacity.

Nov., 1792. Daniel Litchfield on committee for considering how to get rid of vagabond persons in town; also, to determine abatement of taxes among the poor. Small pox raged in Scituate this year.

July, 1794. Daniel Litchfield and Israel Vinal on committee of ten to raise men to march on the orders of Congress, if occasion required. This appertained to the Whiskey Rebellion in Pennsylvania, or Indian troubles in the northwest, or to those with Great Britain. See Deane, p. 107.

Nov., 1794. Daniel Litchfield on a committee to make arrangements to have a plan of the town of Scituate made in accordance with a resolve of the General Court.

March, 1795. Capt. Daniel Litchfield on a committee to view "Beach Woods Lane," so called, as to the advisability of selling it in whole or part.

Nov. 14, 1797. Capt. Daniel Litchfield, Dea. Israel Litchfield [Family No. 60] and Joshua Damon, on committee to procure soldiers in case of need because of troubles with France.

Jan. 8, 1798. "Voted that Capt<sup>n</sup> Enoch Collamore & Capt<sup>n</sup> Daniel Litchfield, be Agents in behalf of this Town to request the Clerk of the Proprietors of Scituate Commons, and the Clerk of the Conahafset Proprietors lands to Lodge their Records with the Town Clerk of Scituate." It is not known to the compiler when this vote was carried out, but the records named have been in the possession of the town clerk for many years.

April, 1798. Capt. Daniel Litchfield on committee for school census.

Nov., 1798. Daniel Litchfield on committee to settle land boundaries at Scituate harbor. Dec. 3, 1799. On committee on landing places and highways at the harbor.

April 7, 1800. Daniel Litchfield received \$6.66.7 for committee services.

May 11, 1801. "Voted that Cap<sup>n</sup> Daniel Litchfield, Elijah Turner Esq<sup>r</sup> & Charles Turner Jun<sup>r</sup> Esq<sup>r</sup> to be a Committe to Joine the Committe of the Town of Hingham to Confult on the Expediance of opening a road or highway from or near Perez Turner to Bela Sprague in Hingham & to report at some future meeting." See original record of meeting of Aug. 18, 1801, for further information.

Apr. 14, 1814. "Voted that the Selectmen insert a clause in next May meeting warrant for a Committee to be chofen to Settle with Cap<sup>n</sup> Daniel Litchfield for Rent of the Long Lane so called." At the meeting, May 2, 1814, Benjamin Bailey, Paul Merritt and Lawrence Litchfield [Family No. 121] were chosen as a committee to settle with Capt. Daniel. Also, *voted*, "to give to Job Cowing the rent of the Easterly End of Long Lane [so called]." *Long Lane* passes by the house of Andrew Bates, North Scituate.

May 3, 1819. "Voted that Maj. Paul Merritt & Deacon Seth Merritt be a Committee to Settle with Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniel Litch<sup>d</sup> for the use of the beach woods lane so called and [give] said Litchfield such allowance for his trouble as they may think proper." Also, "Voted that Deacon Israel Litchfield be an agent to hire out the beach-woods lane in future." See Family No. 60, for preceding votes on this question.

Nov. 22, 1819. "Voted to remit to Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniel Litchfield the money now in his hands for the rent of Beach woods lane being \$33.72."

The North Precinct Meeting records, from 1772, give the name of Capt. Daniel<sup>s</sup> Litchfield as acting as assessor in 1780 and several following years, and in 1788, he was on the committee on repairs, and his name is used in several other connections in their proceedings. This was the parish connected with the First Church of Scituate.

Besides what is noted above, Capt. Daniel<sup>s</sup> Litchfield served in the following positions by the vote of his fellow-citizens: Selectman; assessor; highway surveyor; moderator of town meeting; town clerk, *pro tempore*; fence-viewer (1786-1819), an important office; field-driver; hog-reeve; town warden; tithing-man; petit and grand juror; school committeeman several years, and he served on other committees. The most important public position which he held was that of Representative\* to the General Court at Boston, to which he was elected by the town, May 9, 1785, and served *one* year, being succeeded by Israel Vinal, Esq. The "Resolves of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," in 1785, give the name of the member from Scituate, county of Plymouth — "Capt. Daniel Letchfield."

The "Journal of the General Court" is to be found at the State Library, State House, Boston. The sitting of the General Court in which Capt. Daniel<sup>s</sup> Litchfield was a member, began on Wednesday, May 25, 1785, and was prorogued in March, 1786. The member from Duxbury was Col. Calvin Partridge; from Marshfield, Capt. Thomas Dingley; from Pembroke, Col. Jeremiah Hall;† from Cohasset, Thomas Lothrop, Esq.; from Hingham, Capt. Theophilus Cushing.

An examination of the "Journal" of this House of Representatives for 1785-6, does not reveal very much concerning Capt. Daniel<sup>s</sup> Litchfield or of the part which he took while a representative. The following references and quotations show something of his action on bills presented and questions under discussion.

Friday, July 1, 1785. Daniel Litchfield voted "No" on an amendment reported by a committee in regard to the reduction of duty on bills of lading. The amendment was carried, however.

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\* See Deane's Scituate, p. 107.† See page 109, *supra*.

Nov. 17, 1785. Daniel Litchfield voted "Yes" on concurrence in a resolve in regard to the auditing of accounts for support of indigent persons. (See Journal). Question carried in affirmative. Gov. James Bowdoin had entered objections.

Friday, Mch. 3, 1786. Daniel Litchfield voted "No" on the question: "Whether the appropriation of the monies arising from the Impost & Excise laws should be altered and that the said monies be appropriated to comply with the requisitions of Congress?" Carried, 76 to 72.

Wednesday, Mch. 15, 1786. Daniel Litchfield voted "Yes" on question, if the House will grant supplementary aids to Congress agreeable to their recommendation of Apr., 1783, and to refer same to next General Court. Carried.

It does not appear that Daniel<sup>s</sup> was a Captain in the Revolution, or any other war, except as below; he was a private in the war for independence (see Appendix). He was, however, Captain of a militia company, and frequent mention is made on the town records of "Capt. Litchfield's Company," in the collection of taxes, from the close of the war in 1783 to 1790, and even as late as 1819, in which latter year he appears to have retired from public service. The companies of Capt. Vinal, Capt. James, Capt. Collamore and Capt. Brooks, among others, were contemporaneous with that of Capt. Litchfield. He was commissioned\* Captain of the 10th Company,† 2d Regt., Plymouth County Brigade, 5th Division, on April 2, 1783. The Treaty of Paris was ratified Sept. 3, 1783. So this service as Captain may be considered, in part, as of the Revolutionary war.

The official notice of the acceptance of the resignation as Captain, of Daniel<sup>s</sup> Litchfield, and his honorable discharge, is among the papers of the "Liba<sup>7</sup> Litchfield Collection," and reads as follows:—

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston, October 25<sup>th</sup> 1790.

The Commander in Chief, has accepted the Resignation of Daniel Litchfield as Captain in the Second Regiment First Brigade and Fifth

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\* Records at Adjutant-General's office, State House, Boston.

† Charles Litchfield, Family No. 76, was 1st Lieutenant of this Company.



The Litchfield Mansion, Prospect Park, Brooklyn, N. Y



Division of the Militia of the Commonwealth; and he is hereby discharged, at his own request, from the office of Captain in the Regiment aforesaid, accordingly.

By Order of the Commander in Chief,

[Signed] WM. DONNISON  
*Adjutant General.*

Daniel<sup>s</sup> Litchfield appears as witness, with Sam White, on a deed, dated June 10, 1785, from Isaac Tirrell, Jr., of Abington, yeoman, to Isaac Tirrell of Boston, laborer, of land in Weymouth. (Suffolk Co. Deeds, vol. cxlix: p. 113.)

The Registry of Deeds at Plymouth contains the record of a large number of transfers of property with Daniel<sup>s</sup> as grantor or grantee. Several of the original grantee deeds are preserved in the "Liba<sup>7</sup> Litchfield Collection," and an asterisk (\*) below, indicates such preservation. Besides the following, many of the deeds of Daniel<sup>s</sup> Litchfield will be found in the accounts of preceding and succeeding families.

May 11, 1779. \* James Newell to Daniel Litchfield, for £150, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  A. near land of Josiah Litchfield and Daniel Corlow. Witnesses: Israel and Francis Litchfield. Rec. Apr. 13, 1781. [Plym. Co. Deeds, vol. lx: p. 138.]

May, 1788. Daniel Litchfield secured judgment in the sum of £20: 3s.: 6d., against Jacob Newell, mariner, for non-payment of debt. A piece of land in Scituate, near Lothrop Litchfield's orchard and land of heirs of James Litchfield, deceased, was conveyed to Daniel by Silvanus Clap, deputy-sheriff. [*Ibid*, vol. lxvii: pp. 168, 169.]

Jan. 1, 1790. \* Deed of division between Daniel Litchfield and Caleb Newell of two pieces of land, one near Daniel's land, the other near orchard of Lothrop Litchfield. Witness: Elijah and Azotus Litchfield. Rec. Apr. 14, 1795. [*Ibid*, vol. lxxvii: p. 211.]

May 28, 1790. \* John Whitcomb, Boston, seaman, for £6, to Daniel Litchfield, gentleman, one-half of a salt marsh owned in common with Jacob and Caleb Newell. Witnesses: Levi Newell and Azotus Litchfield. [*Ibid*, vol. lxx: p. 154.]

Sept. 30, 1790. John Whitcomb and wife, Patty or Martha (both names appear), for £25: 4s., to Daniel Litchfield, three pieces of land in Scituate. John Whitcomb named as father of grantor. Abutters: Heirs of Israel Whitcomb, deceased; James Litchfield; John Whitcomb, Sr.; heirs of Mr. Josiah Litchfield; Israel Vinal, Esq.; Josiah

Litchfield; Thomas Litchfield. The third piece belonged to Samuel Brown, deceased, by whose will it was bequeathed to grantor. Witnesses: Reuben Corlow and Azotus Litchfield. [*Ibid*, vol. lxx: pp. 154, 155.]

Nov. 9, 1791. Daniel Litchfield, gentleman, and wife, Sarah, for £26: 17s.: 4d., to William Whitcom, Scituate, yeoman, 8½ A. in three pieces, of which two were near John Whitcomb's house, and the other at Mt. Hope. [*Ibid*, vol. lxxii: p. 184.]

June 26, 1792, and Apr. 5, 1794. Two deeds from Joshua Jacobs to Daniel Litchfield, of land in Scituate. Consideration, £42 and £65, respectively. [*Ibid*, vol. cxxiv: pp. 204, 205.]

Feb. 22, 1793. Eli Curtis, Scituate, yeoman, for £22, to Daniel Litchfield, land near that of Capt. Joshua Jacobs, Dr. James Otis, Job Turner and Joseph Ellms. [*Ibid*, vol. cxxiv: p. 205.]

Feb. 28, 1793. Job Turner, Scituate, yeoman, to Daniel Litchfield, land in Scituate, for £9. [*Ibid*.]

Jan. 22, 1794. \* James Litchfield, Cohasset, yeoman, to Daniel Litchfield, gentleman, for £7, "a certain piece of fresh meadow Containing about one acre be the saim more or less lying in the Tan house Swamp, so called, it being my full Shier of s<sup>d</sup> Swamp Reference being had as to Boundaries to our division deed of our honoured Father Josiah Litchfields Estate, the Saim lying in Scituate." Witnesses: Israel and Nathaniel Vinal. [*Ibid*, vol. lxxvi: p. 77.]

Jan. 22, 1794. Daniel Litchfield to James Litchfield, Cohasset, for £7, 100 rods swamp-land in Great Swamp, Scituate. Witnesses as above. [*Ibid*, vol. lxxvi: p. 86.]

Jan. 24, 1794. Caleb, James and Joshua Newell, all of Scituate, yeomen, for £23, to Daniel Litchfield, 4 A. land near house of Lothrop Litchfield. Witnesses: Israel Litchfield and Daniel Newell. [*Ibid*, vol. lxxvii: p. 39.]

June 18, 1802. Daniel Litchfield, Sarah, his wife, and John Whitcomb, all of Scituate, widow Elisabeth Lincoln, Joseph Beal, and Molley, his wife, all of Cohasset, Elijah Stodder (or Stoddard) and Thankful, his wife, both of Springfield, Vt., for \$40.00, sold to Charles Whitcomb of Scituate, yeoman, about 5 A. land in Cohasset, near Hezekiah Tower's, "it being all the land that Sarah Whitcomb Late of Said Scituate widow deceas<sup>d</sup> died seized of." Witnesses: Thomas Lothrop, James Stodder. Ack. June 21st, by all except Elijah Stoddard and wife. The latter, only, ack. at Springfield, Vt., Sept. 29th. Rec. Nov. 23rd. [*Ibid*, vol. xcvi: p. 277.]

Oct. 14, 1808. \* Hayward Peirce, Scituate, by power of attorney from Jacob Newell of Scituate, mariner, for \$38.33, sold to Daniel



Litchfield, gentleman, "all the right title & Interest which the said Jacob Newell hath or can Claim in & unto a certain Lot of Land lying & being in Said Scituate & lieth Southerly of Lothrop Litchfields House, consisting of Tillage & Pasture, containing four acres be the same more or less and is bounded northerly by the highway that leadeth by said Lothrop's House, Easterly by Israel Litchfields Land, Southerly by a highway & westerly by said Daniels Land & Land formerly owned by Caleb Newell." Witnesses: Abiel Cudworth and Elijah Peirce. Ack. Oct 22. Rec. Apr. 11, 1809. [*Ibid*, vol. cxi: p. 15]. By some oversight, this deed does not appear in the index of deeds, at Plymouth.

Nov. 5, 1808. \*Daniel Litchfield, Sr., gentleman, for \$100.00, to Daniel Litchfield Jr., one-half acre land adjoining highway from house of grantor to Lothrop Litchfield's *with a house thereon*. Said Daniel, Jr., to maintain all the fence round said land. Witnesses: Hayward Peirce and Leonard Litchfield. [*Ibid*, vol. cxxvii: p 214.]

Apr. 4, 1812. Daniel Litchfield and wife, Sarah, for \$33.00, to Samuel Hyland, Jr., housewright, of Scituate, a piece of land on road from Israel Litchfield's to grantee, near Israel's land. Witnesses: John Otis, 3rd, and Hayward Peirce. Rec. June 20, 1814. [*Ibid*, cxxiv: p. 114.]

Among the papers in the "Liba<sup>7</sup> Litchfield Collection," is the following, without date or explanation, but as it gives a grouping of names of Scituate men in the early part of the 19th century, it is here printed. The heading is "Proprietors' Names." This list follows:—

Silas Clapp, 1 acre; *Daniel Litchfield*, 2; James Merritt, 6; Hayward Peirce, 3 (or 5); Nath<sup>l</sup> Peirce, 2; Mercy Peirce, 1; Joseph Wade, 2; Paul Merritt, 3; Seth Merritt, 3; John B. Turner; Caleb Bailey; Isaac Litchfield, 1; Barnabas Litchfield, 3½; Elijah Litchfield, 5; Benjamin Battles, 1; Seth Stodder, 0; Wil<sup>m</sup> Studley, Jr., 0; Wil<sup>m</sup> Whitcomb; Joshua Doane; Paul Vinal; Solon Nash, 5; Foster Litchfield, 5; Isaac Collier, 2; Jared Battles, 10; Calven Peirce, 9; Ward Litchfield; Nath<sup>l</sup> Vinal; Joseph Barnes; Aaron Pratt, 2; Israel Litchfield, 3; Joab Litchfield, 5; Lemuel Vinal; Simeon Litchfield; Rowland Bailey, 1; Amos Merritt, 3; Asa Merritt, 3; Shadrach Merritt, 2; Caleb Lincoln; Eleazer Peaks, 1; Job Vinal, 1; Stephen Litchfield, 1; Alexander Clapp, 1; Atwood Mott's Heirs, 1; Rowland Litchfield; Azotus Litchfield, 1; John Pratt, 1½; Peggy Wheelwright, 1½ ("may be 5"); Uriah Lincoln; Calvin Pierce.

It is to be remarked that the larger part of these names are those of people who belong by blood or marriage to the Litchfield family, as noticed in this Genealogy. Except the *last five* names which appear to be *autographs*, all the rest were written by one person who was probably Daniel<sup>5</sup> Litchfield. The paper is endorsed as follows: "Distance from M<sup>r</sup> Clapps corner near Peter Litchfields to J Stockbridge's corner 220 rods. Measur'd with a chain by Israel Litchfield & Daniel Litchfield." This is in the handwriting of the last named. Can anyone explain the purpose of this list of proprietors? See "Agreement," page 172, *supra*.

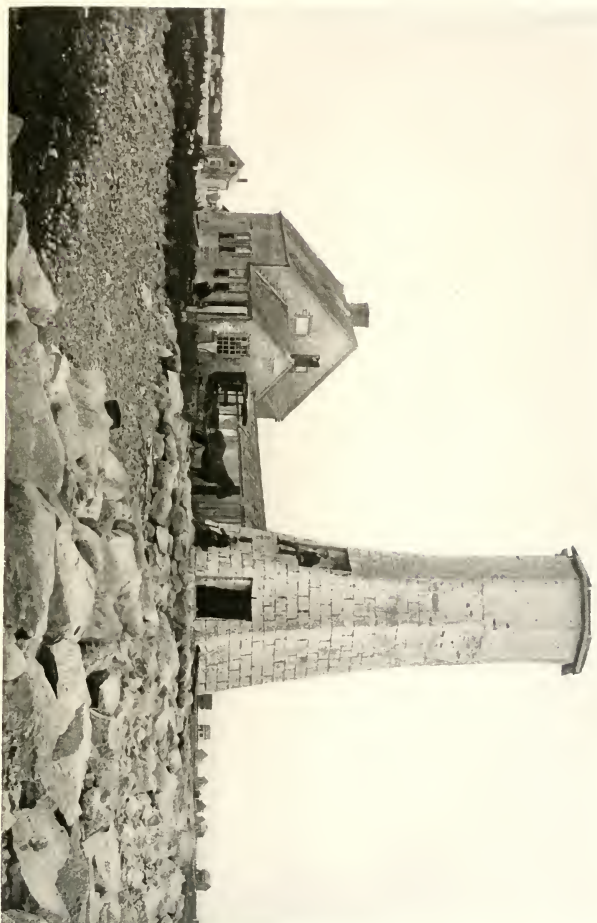
The following papers in which Capt. Daniel<sup>5</sup> Litchfield appears as an interested party are also found in the "Liba<sup>7</sup> Litchfield Collection":—

Bond of £100, dated April 8, 1784, from Daniel Litchfield, Scituate, gentleman, and Elijah Stodder, Scituate, yeoman, to Edward Daman, Scituate, wheelwright, obligating them to stand by the decision of a committee of arbitration, consisting of David Jacobs of Hanover, Joshua Jacob and Enoch Collamore of Scituate, gentlemen, in settlement of controversies. Witnesses: Samuel Clapp and Peter Sears. The committee reported "that the said Edward Daman Shall Pay unto the S<sup>d</sup> Daniel Litchfield & Elijah Stodder the Sum of Nine Pounds Lawfull Money & to Pay the Cost of the house [?] & the Arbitrators." There is no indication of record.

Power of attorney given to John Ewell of Chesterfield by Daniel Litchfield of Scituate, dated Feb. 11, 1788, and witnessed by James "Lichfield" and Israel Vinal, Jr., J. P.

Power of attorney given by Mollie Holewell of Scituate, "spinster," to Daniel Litchfield, dated May 3, 1793. "To ask for recover & receive all the Bounty & Wages which may appear to be Due to my son Jonathan Holewell Late of Said Scituate Dec<sup>d</sup> who enlisted into the Service of the Said united States During the War: who was taken and Dyed in Captivity," and to sell all real estate which might be granted to her son. She made her "mark" in signing. Witnesses: Israel and Lemuel Vinal. Ack. May 7th.

The wife of Daniel<sup>5</sup> Litchfield was Sarah Whitcomb, born in Scituate, January 28, 1744-5; died there, January 15, 1827. They were married at Scituate, by Rev. Ebenezer Grosvenor,



The old Scituate Lighthouse, (now disused), Scituate Harbor, Mass., and the home of the Bates sisters, heroines of the War of 1812.  
Picture taken, July, 1888.



January 23, 1766 (First Church records). Their intentions of marriage were filed April 20, 1765. She was a very smart woman; the daughter of John\* and Sarah (Tower) Whitcomb, and first cousin to Hannah Pratt, wife of James<sup>5</sup> Litchfield.

Capt. Daniel<sup>5</sup> Litchfield died in Scituate October 26,† 1820, and is buried with his wife in Mt. Hope cemetery. His will, dated July 2, 1817, appears below. No inventory was filed at Plymouth.

WILL OF DANIEL<sup>5</sup> LITCHFIELD.‡

**In the Name of God Amen.** I Daniel Litchfield of Scituate in the county of Plymouth, Calling to mind the mortality of the body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will & testament in manner following viz.

First, I give & bequeath my soul unto the hand of God who gave it, and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent manner nothing doubting but that I shall receive it again at the resurrection. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me I give & dispose of the same as follows.

I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah, the use and improvement of my dwelling house the use & improvement of all my household furniture, a privilege to get water from any of my wells, the use & improvement of one good cow, to be well kept for her summer and winter, yearly & every year so long as she my said wife Sarah shall live. And also, Eight bushels of indian corn, Four bushels of rye, One hundred pounds of good beef, Eighty pounds of good pork, ten pounds of good flax, ten pounds of good sheeps wool, a sufficiency of good firewood to support one good fire, brought to her

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\* John<sup>4</sup> Whitcomb, b. Scit. Jan. 18, 1711-12, son of Israel<sup>3</sup> & Mary (Stodder) Whitcomb, m. Aug. 29, 1734, Sarah, dau. Daniel Tower of Hingham. Their ch., recorded at Scit., were: John<sup>5</sup> b. Jan. 4, 1735, m. Hannah Nash, 1758, and prob. 1772, Elizabeth Clapp; Elizabeth ("Betty"), b. Feb. 2, 1737-8, m. Ezekiel Lincoln of Hingham, 1754; Reuben, b. Dec. 24, 1740, d. unm.; Sarah (see above); Thankful, b. June 10, 1746, m. Elijah Stodder, 1766; Mary ("Molly"), b. Apr. 18, 1752, m. John Ellms, Jr., 1769; and Simeon, b. May 5, 1762 (Deane says he left no family), d. 1778, buried in Groveland Cemetery. See deed, June 18, 1802, *supra*.

Israel<sup>3</sup> Whitcomb was the son of Robert<sup>2</sup>, who m. Mary, dau. of Gen. James Cudworth, and a grandson of John<sup>1</sup> Whitcomb, a settler in Scituate in 1640. For further information see the histories of Scituate and Hingham, and the vital records of these towns. Many of the early Whitcombs lie buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, and Groveland Cemetery, Scituate. "The Whitcomb Family in America" (1904) contains very little concerning the family of John<sup>4</sup> Whitcomb, and gives only the descendants of John<sup>5</sup> Whitcomb (b. 1735).

† The town clerk's record is Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, Capt Daniel Litchfield.

‡ Plymouth County Probate Records, vol. liii: p. 186.

door, & fitted for the fire, & also Twenty dollars in money, and I do hereby order and enjoin my son Daniel to provide procure and deliver unto her my said wife Sarah, yearly & every year as long as she shall live all and every of the above mentioned articles, faithfully & seasonably.

I give & bequeath unto my son Elijah Litchfield, to him, his heirs & assigns forever, Ten acres of pasture land at the Northerly end of my great pasture adjoining the highway or long lane so called, so to be set off, as to occasion the least fence.

Also another piece or parcel of land containing about ten acres, commonly called the island & swamp woodland, bounded easterly northerly & partly westerly by land belonging to Joab Litchfield, and partly westerly by land belonging to Cornelius Bates & others, Southerly by the tanhouse meadow so called, & Alexander Clapp's land.

Also about two acres of land called the Burns field, bounded on three of its sides by Joab Litchfield's land, the westerly side bounded partly by Sd Joab's land & partly by Cornelius Bates land.

Also two acres of swamp or meadow & upland, bounded westerly by Alexander Clapp's land, Northerly partly by the highway & partly by land sd. Clapp lately purchased of Deborah Corlew, Easterly by a line beginning twenty links to the westward of the southeasterly corner of said Clapps last mentioned land, thence to run South five degrees East over the westerly part of a spring & over the middle of a small rock at a small distance, continuing the same course until a line drawn west five degrees south, to Alexander Clapp's land shall include two acres.

Also I give & bequeath unto my said son Elijah Litchfield his heirs & assigns forever, another piece of land being a piece of salt marsh containing about three acres, more or less, laying in Scituate, above the causway that leads on to a farm neck so called, bounded westerly by Stephen Litchfields salt marsh, northerly by marsh & pasture land belonging to the heirs of Job Turner, easterly by Salt marsh that I own with Lawrence Litchfield & southerly by a creek. My will and intention is that my sd son Elijah shall bring in no security or account against my estate.

I give and bequeath unto my son Silas Litchfield, five dollars to be paid unto him in twelve months after my decease, and I hereby order my executor to pay the same.

I give and bequeath unto Azotus Litchfield his heirs and assigns forever, about seven acres of pasture land, bounded Southerly, partly by the field in which my dwelling house stands and partly by a line

drawn N. Westerly, from the westerly part of the bars at the northerly end of the new lane to a large stone heap in Daniel Litchfield Junr. land. Northerly by land in this my last will to my son Elijah, & Easterly by Mashech Litchfield's land.

My intent and meaning in this bequest is, that the neighbours shall not be forbid or hindered burrying their dead in the burrying ground in said land.

Also about three acres of salt marsh which I own in partnership with Lawrence Litchfield.

Also one acre of woodland at the northerly end of my wood lott at mount hope so called.

Also about two acres of swamp & upland, at flat swamp so called, adjoining Calvin Peirce's land & others.

I give and bequeath unto my son Josiah Litchfield, Thirty dollars to be paid unto him in twelve months after my decease, and I hereby order my son Daniel to pay the same.

I give and bequeath unto my grandson Freeman Litchfield, his heirs and assigns forever, about half an acre of land, together with the dwelling house in which I now live, and a barn and corn house standing thereon, sd. land bounded as follows, beginning at the highway one rod and seven links easterly from the southeast corner of the shop or loom room that adjoins my house, thence to run northerly unto the easterly fence of the new lane opposite to, or about east from the northermost part of the barn, thence near west leaving the barn on the southerly side of the line, to Joshua Mott and Silas Clapps land, thence with sd Mott & Clapp's land to the highway, thence with the highway to the first corner.

My will and meaning is that my said grandson Freeman shall keep the house in good repair during the natural life of my beloved wife Sarah or he shall forfeit his right to the premises and they shall become the property of my son Daniel.

My said grandson is not to occupy the premises without the consent of my above said beloved wife Sarah, until after her decease.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Bethiah Clapp, wife of Alexander Clapp, her heirs and assigns forever, about four acres of woodland, being land that I bought of Amos Litchfield, bounded Easterly Northerly & Westerly, by Alexander Clapp's land & Southerly by Joseph Ellmes' land and I order her my said Dauter to pay thirty dollars to my daughter Zinthe Whitcomb.

I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Sal Battles, wife of Nathan Battles, Eighty dollars to be paid unto her or her heirs in twelve months after my decease, by my Executor.



I give & bequeath unto my daughter Zinthe Whitcom wife of Noah Whitcom thirty dollars to be paid to her or her heirs in twelve months after my decease by my daughter Bethiah Clapp.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Thankful Bates widow of Abner Bates Sixty dollars, to be paid unto her or her heirs in twelve months after my decease by my Executor.


I give unto my granddaughter Rebecca Bates one feather bed, bedstead, and suitable covering, to be delivered to her by my executor when she shall arrive to the age of eighteen years, or sooner if she should be married.

I give and bequeath unto my son Daniel Litchfield Jr (whom I hereby constitute and appoint my sole executor of this my last will & testament) to him his heirs and assigns forever, all the rest of my estate whether real, personal, or mix'd of whatever name or nature it may be. And I hereby order & direct my said son Daniel, to pay all my just debts & funeral charges.

And further I order and it is my will that my sons shall be at liberty to pass and repass over each others lands, for the occupying their own, where most convenient & least prejudicial putting up bars and gates.

And I do hereby disannul all former wills by me made, ratifying and confirming this, to be my last will & testament.

In witness whereof, I do hereunto set my hand and seal, this 2d. day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

*Danill Litchfield* 

Signed, seal'd, publish'd pronounc'd & declar'd by the said Daniel Litchfield, to be his last will and testament, in presence of us the subscribers, who in his presence, & in the presence of each other, have hereunto set our names.

Israel Litchfield

Isaac Litchfield

Joshua Mott

Israel Litchfield and Isaac Litchfield became sureties on the bond of Daniel Litchfield, Jr., executor of above will, Dec. 4, 1820, on which day the will was probated.

There are at least two written accounts of the family of Capt. Daniel<sup>s</sup> Litchfield, which have come to the notice of the com-



piler, and there is not very much doubt that he wrote both of them. One\* of these, written in a bold hand with fast-black ink, reads as follows :—

June the 3<sup>d</sup>—1767 Records of the children  
Of Daniel & Sarah Litchfield

Elijah Litchfield their *first* born june the 3 Day—1767

Bethiah Litchfield february 14<sup>th</sup>—1769 was Born

Thankfull Litchfield was born october 23—1770.

Silas Litchfield was born july ye 12—1772.

Azotus Litchfield was born November 12—1774

Josiah Litchfield was born march th—6—1777

Sal Litchfield was born April th—2—1779

Zinthe Litchfield was born august th : 16—1782.

one Child Still born May 17<sup>th</sup> Day 1784

Thankfull Litchfield was born july th : 18—1785—

Daniel Litchfield was born july th 10<sup>th</sup> 1788.

my grandchildren

Bulah Litchfield dafter of Bethia Litchfield was born November 21<sup>th</sup> 1784

[See Family No. 201.]

Paul Clap was born 1791 [See Family No. 201.]

Recebeckah [Rebecca] Bates was born Febury 21—1802—[See Family No. 207.]

Laban Bates was born july 25 1805 [See Family No. 207.]

these children ware born in my house

the parants of these children viz :

Daniel Litchfield was born march 21 1743 old stile

Sarah his wife was born january 28 1745

the Day my son Daniel was 16 years old his waight was 156 lbs.

Record. Azotus† & marcy Litchfields Children

Artium Son of Azotus born octor 16 Day—1811

Rawson Son of Azotus & marcy Litch<sup>d</sup> Born feby th D<sup>20</sup> 1814.

The other family record, made by Capt. Daniel,<sup>5</sup> was found among the papers (to which reference has often been made) of the “Liba<sup>7</sup> Litchfield (a grandson) collection.” This reads as follows :

The record of my Childrens ages

June ye 3<sup>d</sup> 1767—Elijah Litchfield Born

February ye 14<sup>th</sup> 1769—Bethiah Litchfield Born

\* In the possession, Oct., 1898, of George Austin<sup>8</sup> Litchfield, North Scituate, a great-grandson.

† See Family No. 203.

October ye 23<sup>d</sup> 1770—Thankfull Litchfield Born  
 July ye 12<sup>th</sup>—1772 Silas Litchfield Born  
 November ye 12<sup>th</sup>—1774—Azotus Litchfield Born  
 March ye 6<sup>th</sup>—1777—Josiah Litchfield Born  
 April ye 2—1779—Sal Litchfield Born  
 August ye 16—1782—Zinthe Litchfield Born  
 May 17—1784—One Child Born & Died.  
 July 18. 1785—thankfull Litch Born  
 July 10. 1788 Daniel Litchfed Born.

On another paper in this "Liba<sup>7</sup> Litchfield collection" which appears to be a continuation of the record made by Capt. Daniels Litchfield, are the following data : —

Mother [Susanna] Litchfield Departed this Life May 6<sup>th</sup> 1799 [See Family No. 28.]  
 Sarah the wife of Israel Litchfield [Family No. 60] died may 31<sup>th</sup>—1799  
 Mother Sarah Whitcom [widow of John] Departed this Life february 10<sup>th</sup> —1802 aged 84—8 months.  
 brother John Whitcom\* Departed this life october 22 Day 1811 age 75 som months in the year 1811 october 22 Day.  
 brother James Litchfield [Family No. 53] departed this Life in 78 yr of age April the 5<sup>th</sup> day 1812.  
 hannah widow of James Litchfield [above] Departed this Life April the 8<sup>th</sup> 1818 aged 86 years & som mos.  
 Samuel Ellms† one Child Buried in our Burying [place]  
 A Child of Francis & Lucy Litchfield [Family No. 199.]  
 2 Children of James‡ & Elizab<sup>h</sup> Newell  
 a Child of Lawrance & ruth [Litchfield—of Family No. 62.]  
 harvey Litchfield Son of Israel & Litch<sup>d</sup> Decesed 21 August 1796  
 also a Child of Israel & Sarah Litch—8<sup>th</sup> of September 1796 [See Family No. 60.]  
 Ruth the wife of Laurance Litc—— [Family No. 62] in the yr 1797 [*sic*].  
 Beulah Litchfield Daughter of Bethiah Lit—— was Born November 21—1784  
 Paul L born January 1791. [*Paul Clapp* of Family No. 201.]  
 God be Praised

On reverse side of this paper is the following record : —

Barsheba the Wife and child of amos Litch<sup>d</sup> Dyed january 25<sup>th</sup> 1783 the first in the Bury[ing place] §

\* Brother-in-law of Capt. Daniel<sup>5</sup> Litchfield.

† Probably the Samuel Ellms who married Lois Lincoln of Cohasset in 1792.

‡ James and Elizabeth (Standly) Newell. Deaths after 1788.

§ This means the present Mt. Hope cemetery, in Scituate, as Amos<sup>5</sup> Litchfield and family lie buried there. See Family No. 66.

Elizabeth\* ye wife of Joseph Ellms, Dyed July the [day omitted] 1783 the 2<sup>d</sup> in the new Buring place.

Thankfull Litchfield the Daughter of Daniel Dyed July the 19<sup>th</sup> 1783 the 3<sup>d</sup> that was Buryed in ye New yard.

Rhoda Ellms† Dyed Dcember ye 19. 1783 the 4<sup>th</sup> B[uryed].

May ye 19: 1784 a child the Daughter of Daniel & Sarah [Litchfield] was Born & Died.

Martian the Son of Noah‡ & Merancy Battles Died— Jan. ye 29. 1785.

Leucy Ellmes Departed this Life Novem the 9<sup>th</sup> 1785.

Reuben Whitcom§ Dyed janury—1786.

Abiezer turner|| Dec<sup>d</sup> March 25. 1786.

Joseph Ellmes Son of Joseph & marcy Ellmes Died May the 1<sup>st</sup> Day—1786.

James Litchfield [Family No. 62] husband of Elizabeth Deceased october the 10<sup>th</sup> 1786.

John Whitcom husband to Sarah whitcom¶ died March the 18 Day 1787 aged 75 yr 2 months.

Josiah Litchfield [Family No. 28] husband to Susanna Litchfield died august the 1<sup>st</sup> Day 1787 aged 80 years & 7 months.

Enos the Son of Israel & Sarah Litchfield d<sup>d</sup> [died] october 13<sup>th</sup> [?] 1788 [Family No. 60.]

Cap Daniel Litchfield died\*\* october 26. 1820

The First Church of Scituate records contain the following entries of this family :—

Daniel Litchfield, & Sarah his Wife ownd Cov<sup>t</sup> and was baptized herself; and then they offer'd *Sarah†† their Daughter* in Bap: 29 May 1768

Bethiah Daughter of Daniel Litchfield baptizd—8 October 1769

Thankful Daugh: of Dan Litchfield [baptized] by Mr Brown .14. Aprl. 1771 [Rev. John Brown of Cohasset.]

Silas, Son of Daniel Litchfield baptizd—30. May 1773

\* Her maiden name was Elizabeth Sutton. Joseph Ellms died in 1799.

† Probably the daughter of John Ellms who was *baptized* July 30, 1738. (Scit. 1st Ch. Rec.)

‡ Intentions of marriage of Noah Battles and *Murenda* Holawell, June 29, 1782. (Scit. Town Rec.)

§ Brother-in-law of Capt. Daniel<sup>5</sup> Litchfield.

|| Abiezer Turner and Hannah Thrift, both of Scituate, were married Jan. 5, 1764 (Scit. 1st Ch. Rec.). Abiezer was born in Scituate, Oct. 19, 1727, son of Abiezer and Grace (Mott) Turner.

¶ John and Sarah Whitcomb were the parents of Sarah, wife of Capt. Daniel<sup>5</sup> Litchfield.

\*\* This entry was, of course, made by another hand.

†† This italicization is that of the Compiler, and by it he wishes to call attention to the *error* in the *name* and *sex* of the child which was then baptized. *It should be Elijah, a son.* This correction makes the record consistent with the list of children in the text.

Azotus, Child of Daniel Litchfield baptiz'd—28. May. 1775

Joseah, Son of Daniel Litchfield bapt : June 22. 1777

Sal, Daughter of Daniel Litchfield—baptizd. 6. June. 1779

Zintha Daughter of Daniel Litchfield Bap<sup>t</sup> by y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Grofvenor of Harvard Sep<sup>t</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1782—

Daniel Son of cap<sup>t</sup> Daniel Litchfield Baptizd 25 oct<sup>r</sup> 1789 [by Rev. Ebenezer Dawes].

The records of the First Church of Cohasset have the *baptism* of the *second Thankful* of this family, on June 28, 1786.

Children\* of Daniel<sup>s</sup> and Sarah (Whitcomb) Litchfield, all who lived being recorded at Scituate :

200. i. ELIJAH,<sup>6</sup> b. June 3, 1767 ; m. Elizabeth<sup>6</sup> Litchfield (of Family No. 62), 1792.
201. ii. BETHIAH, b. Feb. 14, 1769 ; m. Alexander Clapp, 1790.  
iii. THANKFULL, b. Oct. 23, 1770 ; d. July 19, 1783.
202. iv. SILAS, b. July 12, 1772 : m. Polly Briggs, 1794.
203. v. AZOTUS, b. Nov. 12, 1774 ; m. 1st, 1810, Mercy Cudworth ; 2nd, 1841, Mary Jenkins. Res. Scituate, and Springfield, Vt.
204. vi. JOSIAH, b. Mch. 6, 1777 ; m. Abigail<sup>6</sup> Litchfield (of Family No. 62), 1795. Res. Scituate, and Springfield, Vt.
205. vii. SAL (or Sally or Salla), b. Apr. 2, 1779 ; m. Nathan Battles, 1797. More data desired.
206. viii. ZINTHE, b. Aug. 16, 1782 : m. Noah Whitcomb,† 1808.  
ix. *Child* (no name or sex given), b. and d. May 17, 1784.
207. x. THANKFULL, b. July 18, 1785 ; m. 1st, 1802, Abner Bates ; 2nd, 1839, Capt. Luther Stoddard. Res. Cohasset.
208. xi. DANIEL, JR., b. July 10, 1788 ; m. Hannah<sup>6</sup> Litchfield (of Family No. 62), 1806. He was called " Captain " also.

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SARAH<sup>5</sup> LITCHFIELD (*Josiah*,<sup>4</sup> *Nicholas*,<sup>3</sup> *Josiah*,<sup>2</sup> *Lawrence*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Scituate, Feb. 14, 1744-45 ; baptized Oct. 13, 1745. Named in her father's will (see page 144). Married at Scituate,

\* Morse's *Litchfield Genealogy* contains several errors and omissions in its account of the family of Capt. Daniel<sup>5</sup> Litchfield.

† Noah Whitcomb of Randolph, in his will, dated Jan. 18, 1794, and codicil, probated July 3 and Aug. 14, 1798, mentions wife Mary, six sons, viz., *Noah*, *Jacob*, *Daniel*, *John*, *Moses* and *Robert*, and daus. *Priscilla White* and *Sarah Pratt*. (Norfolk Co. Prob. Rec.) Was he of this family?



Residence (built 1740) at Greenbush, Scituate, of Rev. Thomas Clapp (Judge and Colonel), born 1705, died in this house; it was pulled down about 1901.

Picture of 1894.

(See Deane's Scituate, page 236).



May 29 (int. May 10), 1766, Samuel<sup>5</sup> Stockbridge, Jr., born in Scituate, March 28, 1748; baptized (2d Ch. Rec.), Apr. 17, 1748, son of Samuel<sup>4</sup> and Sarah (Tilden) Stockbridge.\*

The title of *Captain*† is attached to the name of Samuel<sup>5</sup> Stockbridge as early as 1768, in the town records, which shows that he was connected with the militia or was captain of a vessel. He served in the Revolutionary army, also. Deeds at Plymouth

\* Children of Samuel<sup>4</sup> and Sarah (Tilden) Stockbridge (m. Aug. 27, 1737), as found on Scituate town and church records and in deeds; James,<sup>5</sup> b. July 27, 1739, d. July 31, 1819, m. 1761, Martha Dunbar of Hingham, served in Revolution; Sarah,<sup>5</sup> b. Nov. 25, 1744 (bapt. Dec. 19th), m. 1770, Jonathan Turner, Jr.; Samuel,<sup>5</sup> Jr. (see above); Lydia<sup>5</sup>, b. Dec. 18, 1749, unm. in 1784; Abiel,<sup>5</sup> b. Aug. 10, 1752, m. 1775, Joshua Bryant, Jr.; Aseneth<sup>5</sup> (variously spelled), b. Apr. 12, 1758, m. *Amos<sup>5</sup> Litchfield* (Family No. 66), in 1791. Samuel<sup>4</sup> Stockbridge, whose will, dated 1774, prob. 1784, is at Plymouth registry, lived at Mt. Blue, now in Norwell, as did his father, Samuel,<sup>3</sup> who married in 1703, Lydia Barrell.

Children of Samuel<sup>3</sup> Stockbridge (his will, 1755, at Plymouth), on Scituate records: Lydia,<sup>4</sup> b. Jan. 7, 1704/5, m. 1729, Joseph Soper; Persis,<sup>4</sup> b. Jan. 22, 1707/8, m. 1st, 1751, Joseph Curtis of Hanover, and 2d, Daniel Tower; Samuel,<sup>4</sup> b. May 13, 1711 (see above); James,<sup>4</sup> b. Apr. 4, 1714, d. July 30, 1714; Abigail,<sup>4</sup> b. June 3, 1719, m. 1738, Jonathan Turner; and Abiel,<sup>4</sup> b. Feb. 14, 1720, m. 1743, Joseph Benson, Jr.

Charles<sup>2</sup> Stockbridge, father of Samuel,<sup>3</sup> died Dec. 28, 1683. He resided at Greenbush, in Scituate, on the site of the house of Rev. Dr. Pelham Williams, and his mill, which was probably built by his father (John<sup>1</sup>), is still standing (1905). See pictures opposite p. 146 of this Genealogy. The wife of Charles<sup>2</sup> was Abigail — (who mar. 2d, Nathaniel Turner), to whom he was probably married in or near Boston. Their children (except John) are recorded at Scituate, viz.: Abigail,<sup>3</sup> b. Charlestown, Feb. 24, 1660/1, m. 1676, Henry Josline; John,<sup>3</sup> b. 1662, at Boston, d. young (says Deane, p. 343); Charles,<sup>3</sup> Jr., b. Scituate, Feb. 4, 1663/4, d. July, 1708, left daus. but no son; Sarah,<sup>3</sup> b. May 30, 1665, m. Israel Turner (*Deane*), and the will of Samuel<sup>3</sup> says: "my sister Sarah Pincin" (Thomas Pincin m. Sarah Turner, Dec. 26, 1693, — Scit. Rec.); Thomas,<sup>3</sup> b. Apr. 6, 1667, m. Hingham (see Hist.), July 28, 1697, Sarah, dau. Thomas Reed of Weymouth (Scit. Rec., vol. xiv, say: "Pool"); Elizabeth,<sup>3</sup> b. Aug. 13, 1670, m. David Turner (*Deane*); Joseph,<sup>3</sup> b. June 28, 1672, m. Oct. 20, 1697, Margaret Turner, and removed and settled in what is now Pembroke, on the place later occupied by Haviland Torrey, father of Benjamin Barstow Torrey; Benjamin,<sup>3</sup> b. Oct. 9, 1677, m. July 23, 1701, Marcy Tilden, successor in ownership of Stockbridge homestead and mills in Greenbush; and Samuel,<sup>3</sup> b. July 9, 1679, m. Lydia Barrell, as above. John<sup>1</sup> Stockbridge (his will is on file at Suffolk County Probate registry), the first one of the name in Scituate, and father of Charles,<sup>2</sup> took the oath of fidelity in Scituate in 1638, and was a Conihasset partner in 1646, and before 1660 he had built his house in Greenbush, on the edge of the pond since called by his name. In King Philip's war this mansion was used as a garrison house, and was standing in part in 1831. For further information, read Deane's Hist. Scituate, pp. 16-17, 342-344, Barry's Hist. Hanover, and consult Plymouth County Probate registry for the trouble arising from the settlement of the estate of Charles,<sup>2</sup> in 1701-2. A large number of Stockbridges, including Samuel<sup>3</sup> and Samuel,<sup>4</sup> are buried in the Stockbridge cemetery at Mt. Blue, Norwell. John,<sup>3</sup> son of Charles<sup>2</sup> and Abigail Stockbridge, was born in Boston (see printed rec.), Dec. 2, 1659.

† Plym. Co. Deeds, vol. cxvi: p. 42, clearly show that he bore this title as distinguished from other Samuel Stockbridges. See Diary of Israel<sup>5</sup> Litchfield (Family No. 60), under date of Jan. 23, 1775.

registry are numerous in the name of Sámuel Stockbridge. Samuel<sup>5</sup> is called "gentleman," as is also his son, Samuel,<sup>6</sup> who resided in Cohasset. See abstracts from town records in Family No 57, also Diary of Dea. Israel<sup>5</sup> Litchfield, Family No. 60.

Sarah<sup>5</sup> (Litchfield) Stockbridge died at Cohasset, June 6, 1810, aged 66 years (Joel Willcutt's Diary). Her husband died before her, perhaps at sea. The administrator on the estate of Sarah was Festus<sup>6</sup> Litchfield, her son-in-law, appointed in March, 1811. She left only a small estate. See Norfolk Co. Probate records.

Samuel<sup>5</sup> Stockbridge, is mentioned quite frequently on the town records of Scituate, but the fact that his father's name and his son's name was, each, Samuel, makes it somewhat confusing to identify clearly the service which was respectively rendered by them. He was surveyor of highways in 1772, 1780, 1788, 1791; in 1787, on committee to see about town labourers; in April, 1787, allowed to "work out his Porportion of the Highway Tax in the way that Leads through Said Stockbridges land, to Hingham line"; May, 1796, *Voted*, "That Capt<sup>n</sup> Samuel Stockbridge be Set off from the Highway District to which he now belongs, & annexed to the District of which Deacon Israel Litchfield is Surveyor the Present Year."

At town meeting, Nov. 30, 1801, it was *voted*, "To Layout a Highway from Cap<sup>n</sup> Jonathan Turner's to the Line of the Town of Hingham, the o[w]ners of the Lands through which Said highway is to be Laid out giving the Land & Said Town to pay James Stockbridge & Samuel Stockbridge the o[w]ners of the Land Seventy five Cents per rod for the fence through there Land adjoining Said Highway when fenced out." At town meeting, May 3, 1802, it was *voted*, "To pay James Stockbridge, Samuel Stockbridge & Samuel Stockbridge, Jr., the Sum that the Town proposed to give them at a meeting of Said Town in Nov<sup>r</sup> Last for fencing out a highway through their Lands to the Easterly Line of the Town of Hingham, when the Town of Hingham Shall open a Highway to meet the above Said highway if not then paid Intereft untill paid." This road was near Mount Blue, now in Norwell. Before this agreement was carried out, Samuel<sup>5</sup> Stockbridge died, and the town had to deal further with



his brother, James, and his sons Hector<sup>6</sup> and Alexander<sup>6</sup>. Under date of May 7, 1804, the following *votes* are recorded by the town clerk: *Voted*, "that the Town Relinquish their Right in in the Johnson Highway to Hector Stockbridge & Alexander Stockbridge — and to take Deed of the highway by the Mill Dam." *Voted*, "that the Town pay for Sixty two rods of Fence the Easterly Side of the Mill Dam, and the Said Hector & Alexander Stockbridge to keep the mill Dam in Repair Excepting the Wast way Bridge." *Voted*, "to allow Hector & Alexander Stockbridge Seventy five Cents p<sup>r</sup> rod for the Sixty two rods of fence the Easterly Side of the mill Dam." *Voted*, "that Cap<sup>n</sup> Daniel Litchfield & Deacon Israel Litchfield be agents to Build the Wast way Bridge at Stockbridges [upper] Mill Dam and to report at the Next Nov<sup>r</sup> meeting." (They were later allowed \$73.77 for their services.) *Voted*, "to allow James Stockbridge Forty five Dollars for the Land & fence through his Land from the Mill Dam to the Hingham Road." On Nov. 12, 1804, it was "Voted to Allow M<sup>r</sup> James Stockbridge Interest for the Money that is Due to him for the Land & fence for the Hingham road from this Day untill [it] is paid."

Capt. Samuel<sup>5</sup> Stockbridge probably died in 1802, as his will (which follows) was allowed October 23, 1802. He and his wife are probably buried at the Beachwoods cemetery, in Cohasset. There are no gravestones for them in the Stockbridge cemetery at Mount Blue. He was ensign of a Scituate and Marshfield company, 2d Regt., 1st Brig., 5th Div., and is recorded as "removed."\* See Diary of Dea. Israel<sup>5</sup> Litchfield (Family No. 60).

WILL OF SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> STOCKBRIDGE.†

**In the Name of God, Amen** — I Samuel Stockbridge, of Scituate, in the County of Plymouth, Gentleman, being of Sound & Disposing Mind & Memory thinking it my Duty to make Disposition of my Estate, otherwise than the Law would Settle it, after recommending my Soul to God who gave it, & my Body to Decent Christian Burial,

\* Records at Adj. General's Office, Boston.

† Plymouth Co. Probate records, vol. xxxviii: p. 184.

at the Discretion of my Executor, hereinafter named; Do Ordain & make this to be my Last Will & Testament, herein & hereby Disposing of the worldly Estate, wherewith God has been pleased to bless me, in the following Manner Viz —

*Imprimis* I give & bequeath to my beloved Wife Stockbridge in addition to what the Law would give her, One half of my Household furniture, One half of my Money, Also the Use of my Great Bible During her Life.

Item I give & bequeath to my beloved Son Samuel Stockbridge, My Homestead Farm, with all the building Standing thereon, excepting the Cedar Swamps adjoining thereto, & excepting the improvement in the House as herein after expressed, he said Samuel, paying the Debts & Legacies, as is in this Will Directed — Also I give said Samuel Two thirds of my Stock of Cattle, Also the One half of My Farming Utensils, & Mekanical Tools, Also My Clock & Steelyards, And Also my Great Bible when My Wifes improvement thereof shall have Ceased.

Item I give to my Son Samuel, & my Sons Hector & Alexander, My Sawmill, all my Right in the Twenty-Eighth & Twenty-Ninth Lots of Cedar Swamp, adjoining My Homestead, All my Salt Meadow, and the Land I purchased of Eli Curtis & James Newell, Also all My Lumber & Also the One half of my Money, to be Equally Divided between them.

Item I give to my Sons Hector Stockbridge & Alexander Stockbridge, All my other lands, not herein before disposed of with all buildings Standing thereon, also the other half of my Farming Utensils & Mekanical Tools, & Also my wearing Apparel to be equally Divided between [them] they paying the Legacies hereinafter Ordered.

Item I give & bequeath to my three Daughters, Betty Stockbridge, Polly Stockbridge, & Penelope Stockbridge, Each Fifty Pounds, to be paid in three years after my Decease, Viz One third to be paid in One year, One third in Two years, & the Other third in three years, which Money is to be paid, the One half by my Son Samuel, & the Other half by my Two Sons Hector & Alexander. Also I give to my said Three Daughters, Betty, Polly, & Penelope, the Other half of my Household Furniture, — Also I give them the Use & improvement of the East front Chamber in my Dwelling house, & a privilege in the Oven, Cellar & Well so long as they or either of them Shall Live single, & Choose to improve in person. —

Item I give to my Two Sons Hector & Alexander all the rest of my Estate, wherever it may be found, to be equally Divided between them. Lastly I Do hereby Order & direct my Son Samuel Stock-

## TESTIMONIALS.

*George A. Litchfield, Prest. Keene National Bank, Keene, N. H.:*—  
"I am much interested in looking over the history of the family, and am glad that there is a Litchfield who is willing to do the work and can do it so well."

*N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, Jan., 1904:*—"We note with pleasure in No. 3 its thoroughness, its numerous citations of authorities, its beautiful typographical appearance, and its fine illustrations, qualities which have distinguished the others, and which place this work in the foremost rank."

*Mrs. Annie (Litchfield) Faber, Conneautville, Pa.:*—"We have enjoyed the book very much and our interest increases with each succeeding number."

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